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President Donald Trump and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe meet at Akasaka Palace in Tokyo on Monday with Japanese families of those abducted by North Korea.

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Tornadoes hit 2 Okla. locations; at least 2 dead

By TIM TALLEY
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Associated Press

EL RENO, Okla. — A tornado leveled a motel and tore through a mobile home park near Oklahoma City overnight, killing two people and injuring at least 29 others before a second twister raked a suburb of Tulsa more than 100 miles away, authorities said Sunday.

The first tornado touched down in El Reno, about 25 miles west of Oklahoma City, late Saturday night. It crossed an interstate and walloped the American Budget Value Inn before ripping through the Skyview Estates trailer park, flipping and leveling homes, Mayor Matt White said at a news conference.

"It's a tragic scene out there," White said, adding later that "People have absolutely lost everything." He said the city established a GoFundMe site, the City of El Reno Tornado Relief Fund, for affected families. Several other businesses were also damaged, though not to the same extent as the motel.

The two people who were killed were in the mobile home park, White said. He did not provide additional details about them. The 29 people who were injured were taken to hospitals, where some were undergoing surgery. Some of the injuries were deemed critical, he said.

The National Weather Service gave the tornado an EF3 rating, meaning it had wind speeds of 136-165 mph. Personnel who investigated the damage said the tornado began around 10:28 p.m.

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'It's a tragic scene out there. People have absolutely lost everything.'

Matt White
mayor, El Reno, Okla.

At odds Trump breaks with Japan's Abe, his own advisers on North Korean missile tests

By JILL COLVIN
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Associated Press

TOKYO — President Donald Trump said Monday he is not "personally" bothered by recent short-range missile tests that North Korea conducted this month, breaking with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, who is hosting the president on a four-day state visit full of pageantry.

Standing beside Trump at a news conference after hours of talks, Abe disagreed with the U.S. president, saying the missile tests violated U.N. Security Council resolutions and were "of great regret." Abe, who has forged a strong friendship with Trump and agrees with him on many issues, is concerned because the short-range missiles pose a threat

to Japan's security.

Trump was invited to Japan to be the first world leader to meet with its new emperor. Despite being far from Washington, he didn't miss the chance to lob another broadside against former Vice President Joe Biden, one of the Democrats seeking to challenge Trump in next year's presidential election. North Korea's Kim Jong Un recently criticized Biden as having a low IQ, and Trump told the world he agreed with the authoritarian leader's assessment.

The visit was designed to highlight the U.S.-Japan alliance and showcase the warm relations between the leaders. Trump said he and Abe deliberated over economic issues, including trade and Iran, during hours of talks at the Akasaka Palace, but North Korea's recent firing of short-range missiles

emerged as an area of disagreement.

When asked if he was bothered by the missile tests, Trump said: "No, I'm not. I am personally not."

The Republican president has sought to downplay the significance of the missile tests, even though his own national security adviser, John Bolton, said over the weekend that they violated U.N. resolutions.

Trump continues to hold out hope of getting Kim to agree to give up his nuclear weapons and ballistic missiles despite two summits he's had with the North Korean leader that produced no concrete pledge to denuclearize the peninsula.

Trump praised Kim, calling him a "smart man" who might have launched the missiles earlier this month to "get attention."

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MILITARY

6th Fleet leader marks battles in North Africa

By SCOTT WYLAND
Stars and Stripes

Pvt. Nicholas Minue, 44, charged a German machine-gun nest that pinned down his company in Tunisia, killing 10 enemy soldiers and driving others from their dug out positions before he was fatally wounded.

His courageous action on April 28, 1943, inspired his company to aggressively advance and push the enemy combatants — who were part of German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's forces — from the sector.

Minue received a posthumous Medal of Honor.

He is buried at the North Africa American Cemetery in Tunisia, where a Memorial Day ceremony Monday paid tribute to him and the many others who died in Africa fighting fascism.

"We gather today to honor the memory of those who came before us, to recognize the shared sacrifice of those who served, and selflessly paid the ultimate price for the freedom of others," Vice Adm. Lisa Franchetti, the Navy's 6th Fleet commander, told an audience gathered at the cemetery.

Franchetti was one of several Navy

leaders who spoke at American military cemeteries in Europe and Africa over the weekend. Adm. James Foggo, the Navy's top commander in the region, spoke Monday at the Cambridge American Cemetery in the U.K.

Minue was a Polish-born immigrant who enlisted in the Army in 1927 and took a demotion to private from sergeant so he could fight overseas, Franchetti said. He is among the 2,841 U.S. servicemen buried at the 27-acre cemetery. Another 3,724 are memorialized on a wall for those missing in action. Most died in North Africa and the Persian Gulf during the height of World War II.

The U.S. joined the British-led Allied Forces in North Africa in May 1942. The young, inexperienced American soldiers were thrown into a cauldron for which they were ill-prepared, Franchetti said.

"The battles here were unexpectedly fierce for the Allies, especially the green American force that first made landfall on the coasts of Algeria and Morocco," Franchetti said. "Many of these brave soldiers had been plucked from quaint civilian life mere months prior."

But they rose to the challenge, and their efforts proved pivotal, she said. The Allies' North African campaign made the Axis Powers divert troops from Europe, allowing the Red Army to gain an edge on the Eastern Front.

Tunisia is where Rommel, whose armies were depleted, retreated from Africa. The Allies' victory there weakened the Axis Powers enough to enable an effective Allied push into southern Europe, Franchetti said.

"Both of our countries have paid a heavy price for our freedoms," said Donald Blome, ambassador to Tunisia. "Together, we must remain committed to our ideals, our democracies and our friendship, which



CASEY J. HOPKINS/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Vice Adm. Lisa Franchetti, right, lays memorial wreath on Monday at the North Africa American Cemetery where she honored the thousands of soldiers who died in Africa during World War II.

protects us both."

Franchetti also paid tribute to the four women buried at the cemetery and 18 missing in action whose names are inscribed on the wall.

One of the missing women is Pfc. Rose Puchalla, who was a seamstress and tailor from Holding, Minn. She and 17 other female soldiers died when their transport plane disappeared over West Africa, Franchetti said.

They were among the more than 150,000 women who served in the Women's Army Corps during World War II, which for the first time enabled them to work in jobs besides nursing, Franchetti said, adding that it put some in harm's way.

"These brave and patriotic pioneers paved the way for someone like me to be standing alongside you this morning, and to serve at the highest levels of our military," Franchetti said.

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Pence honors fallen, families at Arlington

ARLINGTON, Va. — Vice President Mike Pence has paid tribute to fallen members of the U.S. Armed Forces, thanking their loved ones in a ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery and acknowledging that for them "every day is Memorial Day."

Pence placed a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns to remember dead servicemen whose remains haven't been identified and observed a moment of silence.

Gen. Joseph F. Dunford Jr. and acting Secretary of Defense Patrick Shanahan also attended.

From The Associated Press

Correction

A May 21 story misidentified the unit and position to which U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Todd R. Wasmund will be assigned in France as part of the Army's first military exchange with the nation. He will be deputy commander of France's Marseilles-based 3rd Division.

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MILITARY

Army to award contracts for VR training platform

By WYATT OLSON
Stars and Stripes

FORT SHAFTER, Hawaii — The U.S. Army will award contracts next month to produce software to run a simulated training platform that within two years will deliver “a second revolution in training” for the service, the major general overseeing the project said Thursday.

“What I think we’re going to do with the Synthetic Training Environment right now is the most revolutionary thing since developing our live training environment at our combat training centers,” Maj. Gen. Maria Gervais said during a panel she chaired at the Land Forces Pacific Symposium in Honolulu. “We see this as a second revolution in training for the United States Army.”

Gervais is deputy commanding general for combined-arms training at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., but also leads a team overseeing development of the Synthetic Training Environment system.

“We are not going to replace live training,” she told Stars and Stripes. “Live training will always be the pinnacle training. What we’re trying to do is get the ‘reps and sets’ so that you can improve your proficiency, your mastery.”

The Synthetic Training Environment will be a realistic and complex replica of weapons sys-

tems and operations, complete with civilians, enemies, weather conditions and even animals, Gervais said. It will integrate the domains of land, air, sea, space and cyber using live, virtual and augmented environments.

It will also incorporate scenarios found in the Army’s regular exercises.

The system’s so-called One World Terrain will provide a 3D representation of the globe that participants could potentially connect into simultaneously from anywhere.

Most of the Army’s existing simulation trainers are based on proprietary technology from the 1980s and ’90s, Gervais said. Because of the proprietary nature, each was developed using different terrain formats.

“Terrain is our Achilles’ heel in all of this,” she said. “If a unit needs to train and is going to deploy, wouldn’t it be great to pull that terrain in immediately and put it in the simulators? We can’t do that because of the simulators we currently have.”

“We’ve had to spend all our time and effort hooking them together,” Gervais said. “That’s very costly, very time-consuming, requiring lots of contractors.”

Months would be spent coordinating the 12 stationary simulators for a training event, she said.

“They’re good and they meet the need previously, but they’re



Courtesy of the U.S. Army

A soldier at Fort Riley, Kan., operates the Army’s prototype for a reconfigurable virtual trainer during an assessment in April. The Army is set to award contracts for simulated training software.

too costly, we can’t change them quickly and they are very hardware-based versus software-based,” she said. “That means you’d have to go to a big warehouse that would have all these simulators in it. Units have to schedule it and fight for time to use it.”

The system now underway, which is projected to reach operating capability in late 2021, leverages the virtual and gaming markets and thus will use common data and a common architecture.

By using commercial standards, the Synthetic Training Environment will be “plug-and-play” and be readily usable by soldiers, even during deployments.

“We just concluded an evaluation of the operating system,” Gervais said. “That’s going to

lead to a award of contracts for the inside software.”

The Army is also awarding a contract for a virtual trainer that will simulate most of the Army and Marine Corps rotary-wing and ground vehicles, which will be used in training from the squad level to the highest echelon.

“We’ll award those contracts in June,” she said.

Groups of soldiers have been assessing the software and offering feedback.

Among them have been soldiers with the Hawaii-based 25th Infantry Division, she said.

“For an infantry soldier, you have to be able to replicate the terrain from a jungle perspective,” she said.

“We are working with the 25th so that we can test technology and get to a jungle-type

environment.”

Soldiers at Fort Carson, Colo., provided feedback on aviation platforms, while tank, Bradley Fighting Vehicle and Stryker crews at Fort Riley, Kan., offered their advice, she said.

Speaking before an audience of several hundred U.S. and international soldiers Thursday, Gervais conceded that some might consider the Army’s ambitious plan for seamless, global synthetic training as “a pipedream.”

“Based upon what I’ve seen working with industry partners and academia, I’m just going to tell you,” she said, “I think that’s hogwash.”

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Navy F-35 squadron deactivated at Eglin Air Force Base

By JIM THOMPSON
Northwest Florida Daily News

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — With gratitude for its seven years at Eglin and enthusiasm for the future in California, the Navy’s first F-35C strike fighter squadron furled its flag Thursday.

The F-35C is the “carrier variant” of the F-35 stealth fighter jet, designed specifically to operate from aircraft carriers.

“Today, we turn into the wind and launch on an aggressive path to deploy the F-35C,” said Navy Capt. Max G. McCoy, commander of the Joint Strike Fighter Wing.

McCoy spoke as VFA-101, informally known as the “Grim Reapers” squadron, was deactivated to become part of VFA-125, a strike fighter squadron at California’s Naval Air Station Lemoore.

In the Navy, deactivation is different from decommissioning, and it is possible the VFA-101 Grim Reapers will be resurrect-

ed. In fact, Thursday’s ceremony marked the third time that VFA-101 has been deactivated. Throughout its history, the squadron has consistently trained pilots in the most advanced aircraft of their day, including the F-4 Phantom and the F-14 Tomcat.

In the meantime, said Rear Adm. Roy J. Kelley, commander of Naval Air Force Atlantic, “the legacy (of VFA-101) will live on, and I have no doubt that one day we will see it in an operational capacity once again.

Moving the Grim Reapers to NAS Lemoore is designed to consolidate the Navy’s F-35C operations, said Lt. Cmdr. Lydia G. Bock, public affairs officer for the Joint Strike Fighter Wing, as the Navy focuses on getting the fifth-generation fighter jet out to sea.

At Eglin, Kelley said, the Grim Reapers did “incredible work” that delivered “a game-changing capability” to the Navy. But he said consolidating Navy F-35 operations at NAS Lemoore will

support the development of Navy F-35C squadrons and assist in the testing and evaluation of the carrier-variant fighter jet.

“This is why the work you have been doing here is so important,” Kelley told the crowd of VFA-101 personnel and contractors gathered in a hangar at the departing squadron’s Eglin headquarters, in front of the last two Grim Reapers’ F-35Cs remaining at the base. The two aircraft left Eglin at 1 p.m. Thursday.

Also speaking Thursday was Navy Cmdr. Adan Covarrubias, commander of VFA-101.

After thanking Eglin personnel, particularly Col. Paul Moga, commander of the 33rd Fighter Wing, for their support during the Grim Reapers’ stay at Eglin, Covarrubias praised the personnel under his command, calling them “the finest group of sailors and Marines anyone could ever ask for. I thank you.”



CASSIDY WOOD/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

A sailor marshals the last Navy F-35C Lightning II to leave Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., on May 23. The F-35C squadron is set to be deactivated at Eglin Air Force Base and move to NAS Lemoore.

PACIFIC

Trump: Abe, US president discuss Iran in lengthy talks

FROM FRONT PAGE

"All I know is there have been no nuclear tests, no ballistic missiles going out, no long-range missiles going out and I think that someday we'll have a deal," Trump said, adding that he is in "no rush."

Trump is correct that North Korea has not recently tested a long-range missile that could reach the U.S. But earlier this month, North Korea fired off a series of short-range missiles that alarmed U.S. allies in closer proximity to North Korea, including Japan. The tests broke a pause in North Korea's ballistic missile launches that began in late 2017.

Abe reiterated his previous statement that the tests were conducted in defiance of the U.N.

"This is violating the Security Council resolution," Abe said, adding that, as North Korea's neighbor, Japan feels threatened.

"It is of great regret. But at the same time between Kim Jong Un and President Trump a certain new approach was taken and that is something that I pay tribute to."

Earlier Monday, Trump said he backed Abe's interest in leveraging his country's good relations with Iran to help broker a possible dialogue between the U.S. and its nemesis in the Middle East. Abe said he is willing to do whatever he can to help reduce escalating tensions between the U.S. and Iran.

Trump and Abe discussed the issue earlier Monday. Abe could visit Iran next month.



KYODO SHOTTAI, POOL PHOTO/AP

President Donald Trump is served a baked potato while sitting with first lady Melania Trump, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and his wife, Akie Abe, at Inakaya restaurant in Tokyo on Sunday. The Trumps' four-day state visit, which began Saturday, included a lot of one-on-one time for the two leaders.

"Peace and stability of the Middle East is very important for Japan and the United States and also for the international community as a whole," Abe said.

The leaders held hours of talks after the U.S. president — at Abe's invitation — became the first world leader to meet Japan's new emperor, Naruhito, who ascended to the throne May 1.

The meeting with Naruhito and his wife, Empress Masako, was preceded by a grand outdoor welcome ceremony at Japan's Imperial Palace, where Trump walked solo across red carpets, reviewing Japanese troops as the guest of honor.

Trump's official visit also included golf with Abe, presenting a trophy to a sumo wrestling champion and a black-tie banquet at the palace. The visit included hours of one-on-one time for Trump and Abe, who has been

trying to remain on Trump's good side despite disagreements between them on trade and other issues.

Trump didn't hold back at the news conference when he was asked about Biden, declaring himself "not a fan."

"Kim Jong Un made a statement that Joe Biden is a low-I.Q. individual," Trump said, adding that Kim probably based his assessment on Biden's record and "I probably agree with him on that."

U.S. officials usually avoid engaging in politics while on foreign soil, heaving to the adage that politics stops at the water's edge. But Trump's sharp attack on Biden, through his declaration of agreement with Kim, set aside that longstanding norm.

Trump and Abe largely glossed over their difference on trade, despite the potentially crippling tar-

iffs on foreign autos that Trump is threatening to impose on Japan and the European Union. Trump declined to say what Japan would have to do to avoid those tariffs, but complained of an "unbelievably large" trade imbalance with the nation.

Still, he said he expects to reach trade deals at some point with both Japan and China, but wouldn't rush it.

"I think we will have a deal with Japan. Likewise, I think we will have a deal with China sometime into the future," he said. Trump has tried to pressure China by slapping tariffs on hundreds of billions of dollars of Chinese goods.

Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping are expected to meet during a world leaders' summit next month in Osaka, Japan.

N. Korea lashes out at Bolton

BY KIM TONG-HYUNG
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea on Monday called U.S. national security adviser John Bolton a "warmonger" and "human defect" after he described its recent tests of short-range missiles as a violation of U.N. Security Council resolutions.

The statement by an unidentified North Korean Foreign Ministry spokesperson came as President Donald Trump visited Japan for meetings with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at which the nuclear standoff with North Korea was high on the agenda.

Bolton told reporters in Tokyo on Saturday that there was "no doubt" that North Korea's recent missile launches violated U.N. resolutions, and that sanctions against the North must be kept in place. Trump later downplayed the missile tests, tweeting, "North Korea fired off some small weapons, which disturbed some of my people, and others, but not me."

In the statement carried by the North's Korean Central News Agency, the North Korean spokesperson said the North was exercising its right of self-defense with the launches. North Korea has never recognized the U.N. Security Council resolutions, which it views as denying its "rights to existence and development of a sovereign state," the statement said. The spokesperson said Bolton was an "ignorant" hardliner who throughout different U.S. administrations pushed provocative policies against North Korea including endorsements of pre-emptive strikes and regime change.

The spokesperson also said that Bolton's "hammer act" was responsible for the collapse of a major nuclear deal between the countries reached in 1994, when North Korea agreed to halt its nuclear program in exchange for U.S. fuel aid. The deal broke down in 2002 after U.S. intelligence agencies said North Korea was continuing its pursuit of bombs with a secret uranium enrichment program.

"It will be fit to call Bolton not a security adviser striving for security but a security-destroying adviser who is wrecking peace and security," the spokesperson said. "It is not at all strange that perverse words always come out from the mouth of a structurally defective guy, and such a human defect deserves an earlier vanishing."

Melania Trump quite a draw at museum

Associated Press

TOKYO — Melania Trump was perfectly cool Sunday at an air-conditioned interactive digital museum in Tokyo where she drew a purple fish and had it projected on a digital aquarium on the wall as she and her host, Japanese first lady Akie Abe, joined dozens of schoolchildren while their husbands played golf under the scorching sun.

Trump drew the fish for a girl named Julia, and wrote underneath it: "Julia, Best Wishes, Melania Trump."

Her autograph became popular, prompting children to line up. "The first lady signed on the back of each student's artwork, along with a message, 'Be Best!'" — her children's initiative.

The 30 children, third to sixth graders at a Tokyo elementary school, were a bit shy when the first lady in a stylish navy-color jumpsuit walked in, escorted by Abe, but one by one they came over to her, and then in groups.

"Nice to meet you. Can you show me what you drew?" Melania Trump asked a boy with a name sticker on his chest saying "Aoi."

He showed her a green turtle with yellow feet, which they projected on the wall and watched it move around.

Abe colored her turtle in pink, with three little red hearts on the back, and signed "Peace" as well as the new imperial era name "Reiwa" that started this month.

The two first ladies also toured other exhibits that included the crystal room and the lamp room where they stopped for photo sprays.

Trump arrived Saturday in Tokyo with President Donald Trump for a four-day state visit that is largely ceremonial and aimed for deepening personal ties between the two leaders.

Trump and Abe played 16 holes at the Mobra golf course outside Tokyo in a "cozy atmosphere," Japan's Foreign Ministry said.



KOJI SASAHARA/AP

First lady Melania Trump chats with children as she visits a digital art museum Sunday in Tokyo.

WAR/MILITARY

US strengthens forces in Mideast to counter Iran

BY SUSANNAH GEORGE
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. will send hundreds of additional troops and a dozen fighter jets to the Middle East in the coming weeks to counter what the Pentagon said is an escalating campaign by Iran to plan attacks against the U.S. and its interests in the region. And for the first time, Pentagon officials on Friday publicly blamed Iran and its proxies for recent tanker bombings near United Arab Emirates and a rocket attack in Iraq.

President Donald Trump told reporters Friday that the 1,500 troops would have a “mostly protective” role as part of a buildup that began this month in response to what the U.S. said was a threat from Iran.

The announcement came three weeks of elevated tensions with Iran as the administration hurred

accusations of an imminent attack and abruptly deployed Navy warships to the region. The moves alarmed members of Congress, who demanded proof and details amid fears the U.S. was lurching toward open conflict with Iran.

Adding to the uncertainty, Trump alternated between tough talk toward Iran and a more conciliatory message, insisting he is open to negotiations with the Islamic Republic.

On Friday, he seemed to downplay the prospect of conflict when he spoke at the White House.

“Right now, I don’t think Iran wants to fight and I certainly don’t think they want to fight with us,” he said.

In a related move, the Trump administration on Friday used an emergency legal loophole to move ahead with the sale of \$7 billion in precision-guided munitions and other military support to Saudi Arabia, which threats the kingdom faces from Iran.

Vice Admiral Michael Gilday told Pentagon reporters that the U.S. has “very high confidence” that Iran’s Revolutionary Guard was responsible for the explosions on four tankers and that Iranian proxies in Iraq fired rockets into Baghdad. He said Iran also tried to deploy modified small boats that were capable of launching cruise missiles.

The deployments announced Friday include a squadron of 12 fighter jets, manned and unmanned surveillance aircraft and a number of military engineers to beef up protection for forces. In addition, a battalion of four Patriot missile batteries that was scheduled to leave the Middle East has been ordered to stay.

The total number of troops involved is about 1,500, with roughly 600 included in the Patriot battalion. None of those troops will go to either Iraq or Syria.

“We are going to be sending a relatively small number of troops,

mostly protective,” the president said at the White House before setting off on a trip to Japan. “Some very talented people are going to the Middle East right now, and we’ll see what happens.”

Briefing reporters at the Pentagon, Gilday, the Joint Staff director, did not provide direct evidence to back up claims tying Iran to the attacks. He told reporters the conclusions were based on intelligence and evidence gathered in the region, and officials said they are trying to declassify some of the information so that it could be made public.

“This is truly operations driven by intelligence,” Gilday said, adding that the U.S. continues to see intelligence suggesting that Iran is actively planning attacks against the U.S. and partners in the region by the Revolutionary Guard and Iranian proxies in Yemen and Iraq.

When pressed for proof of Iran’s involvement, he said the

mines used in the tanker attacks were attributed directly to the Revolutionary Guard and he said threats could be traced back to senior leaders in Iran.

“I’m not reverse engineering this,” he said. “The Iranians have said publicly they were going to do things. We learn more through intelligence reporting. They have acted upon those threats and they’ve actually attacked.”

The announcement of additional forces was met with mixed reviews.

The chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, Democrat Adam Smith, of Washington, called the buildup “unsettling.”

The senior Republican on the committee, Mac Thornberry, of Texas, called it “a prudent step to protect our forces and deter Iran” and said requests from commanders should “never be subject to a partisan debate.”



RAHMAT GUL/AP

Afghans’ graduation march

Afghan National Army members march Monday during their graduation ceremony after a three-month training program at the Afghan Military Academy in Kabul.

Officials say militant attacks kill 10 Afghan soldiers, 4 policemen

BY RAHIM FAIZ
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — A roadside bombing claimed by the Taliban killed 10 Afghan soldiers in the country’s west, while insurgent attacks on security checkpoints in northern Afghanistan killed four policemen, local officials said Monday.

The soldiers were driving back to base after picking up their salaries in the country’s western Farah province. They were traveling in a Humvee when the explosion took place Sunday afternoon in the Bala Buluk district, said Shah Mahmood Nahimi, a provincial councilman.

“The blast was so intense that no one in the Humvee survived,” he said.

Elsewhere, insurgents targeted several checkpoints in northern Sari Pul province Sunday night, killing four members of the security forces and wounding 22, said Zabullah Amari, the provincial governor’s spokesman.

The attacks took place on the outskirts of the provincial capital of Sari Pul and triggered gunbattles that lasted for hours, he said, adding that 15 Taliban fighters were also killed.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the Farah attack in a statement on their website but did not make any announcements about the Sari Pul attack.

Meanwhile, a sticky bomb attached to a minibus carrying government workers in Kabul detonated on Monday morning, wounding 10 people, said police

spokesman Ferduz Faramarz.

One of the wounded was in critical condition.

Arab Haidari, from the religious affairs ministry, said all the wounded are ministry employees who were on their way to work when the explosion took place. No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack.

Both the Taliban and Islamic State militants regularly stage attacks in Kabul. On Sunday, gunned men shot and killed a prominent religious scholar, Mawlawi Shabir Ahmad Kamawi, in Kabul, and last week, a mosque bombing killed another religious scholar during Friday prayers, also in Kabul.

Attacks have increased recently as Washington’s peace envoy, Zalmay Khalilzad, presses ahead with talks with the Taliban, who refuse to negotiate directly with the Kabul government.

The talks so far have focused on a timetable for U.S. troop withdrawal and Taliban guarantees that they won’t harbor terrorist groups or allow Afghanistan to be used as a staging ground for global terrorism attacks.

Iraq sentences another ex-ISIS fighter to death

BY QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA
Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A Baghdad court on Monday sentenced another former French fighter with Islamic State to death — the fourth Frenchman to get the capital punishment so far in Iraq — and postponed the verdict for a fifth man after he testified to being tortured in detention.

France, meanwhile, said the Iraqi court has jurisdiction to rule in the cases, though a spokeswoman reiterated the French government’s opposition to the death penalty.

The trials come as questions swirl about the legal treatment of thousands of foreign nationals formerly with the extremist group.

The Frenchmen on trial are among 12 French ISIS fighters whom the U.S.-backed Syrian

Democratic Forces handed over to Iraq in January. The Kurdish-led group spearheaded the fight against ISIS in Syria and has handed over to Iraq hundreds of suspected ISIS members in recent months.

ISIS “terrorists must answer for their crimes in court,” said France’s foreign affair’s ministry spokeswoman, Agnes von der Muhl.

As Monday’s proceedings opened, the first to appear was Mustafa Mohammed Ibrahim, 37, from the Mediterranean city of Nice, Ibrahim, of Tunisian origin, with short hair and a light beard, walked in the courtroom wearing a yellow prison uniform with “Reforms Department” printed on the back in Arabic.

“I ask for forgiveness from the people of Iraq and Syria and the victims,” Ibrahim said before

Judge Ahmed Mohammed ordered he remove his top in order to see if there were any signs of torture on his body. None was visible.

“No matter what the sentence will be against me, I want to go back to my country,” said Ibrahim. He added that he used to work as a driver in France before joining ISIS.

The judge sentenced Ibrahim to death.

The second man brought into the courtroom was identified as Fadil Hamad Abdallah, 33, of Moroccan origin. Abdallah said he was subjected to torture while in detention and the judge referred him to a medical committee for investigation and postponed his next session until Sunday.

The judge also postponed the sentencing of three other Frenchmen until next Monday.

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Most 2020 Dems tiptoe past talk of impeachment

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WASHINGTON — Democratic leaders in Congress have argued that impeaching President Donald Trump is a political mistake as the 2020 election nears. Most of the candidates running to succeed him seem to agree, for now.

Fewer than one-third of the 23 Democrats vying for the nomination are issuing calls to start the impeachment process, citing evidence in special counsel Robert Mueller's report they believe shows Trump obstructed justice. Most others, including leading contenders Joe Biden and Bernie Sanders, have found a way to hedge or search for middle ground, supporting investigations that could lead to impeachment or saying Trump's conduct warrants impeachment but stopping short of any call for such a proceeding.

The candidates' reluctance, even as more congressional Democrats start pushing their leaders in the direction, underscores the risky politics of investigating the president for "high crimes and misdemeanors." Impeachment matters deeply to the party's base but remains unpopular with most Americans.

White House hopefuls may win praise from liberal activists by pressing House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., for an impeachment inquiry, but those who fall short of insisting are unlikely to take heat from early state primary voters more focused on other issues.

"People talk about it and people have opinions about it, but

health care is much more salient to them," Sue Dvorsky, a former head of the Iowa Democratic Party, said in an interview. "I just don't see Democratic activists here all worked up about impeachment. They trust Pelosi."

The 2020 candidates are facing pressure from the left to take a harder line on impeachment as the Trump administration's stiff-arming of subpoenas leaves House Democrats fuming and a growing number of lawmakers urging Pelosi to initiate an inquiry constitutionally required to remove Trump from office. Leah Greenberg, co-founder of the progressive group Indivisible, described the absence of louder calls for impeachment from the candidates as "a real gap in leadership."

"What we're seeing is, some Democrats would prefer to keep the topic focused on places where they're most comfortable, and some Democrats would prefer to play pundits on this," Greenberg said in an interview.

Tom Steyer, a California billionaire, has run television ads and held town halls across the country as part of a campaign calling for Trump's impeachment. He suggested that candidates who haven't yet endorsed impeachment "have a political problem telling the truth about this."

Steyer said that if the public saw televised, unfiltered hearings that showed "exactly how bad this president is and exactly who he's surrounded himself with and how corrupt he really is," Democrats and Republicans alike would "reject that kind of behavior."

Steyer declined to enter the 2020 presidential race himself.



CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP

The former chairwoman of the Iowa Democratic Black Caucus, Jamie Woods, introduces Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Cory Booker during the caucus reception on April 16 in Des Moines. Black voters are expected to be a force in Iowa's presidential caucuses next year.

Black Democrats poised to play 2020 role in vastly white Iowa

By THOMAS BEAUMONT
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — In Iowa, one of the whitest states in the nation, more than 100 black Democrats who expect to attend the 2020 caucuses crammed into a tiny community center in the capital city to position themselves as a force in the most wide-open presidential campaign in a generation.

"There is hope! There is hope, I tell you, the same hope that Barack Obama brought us," Jamie Woods, former chairwoman of the Iowa Democratic Black Caucus, told the cheering group last month.

In the state where Obama's 2008 candidacy cleared its first important hurdle, black Democrats are energized as seldom seen, in part motivated by overwhelming dissatisfaction with President Donald Trump.

That enthusiasm could make a difference in a state that holds a presidential caucus, which, unlike an open primary, attracts only the most motivated voters. That means a candidate who can rally more black voters in the caucuses can gain an outsized advantage, even though blacks make up only 2% of Iowa's population.

Iowa's caucus, coming next February as the first event in the Democratic Party's presidential nominating contest, is an early test of how voters are going to respond to two dozen candidates and could be a harbinger of the primary a few weeks later in South Carolina, where blacks comprise most of the Democratic primary electorate.

"They're realizing that their voice needs to be heard," said Deidre DeJear, the first black to win a primary for statewide office in Iowa and now state chairwoman for Sen. Kamala Harris' 2020

presidential campaign. "And they are using the platform they have whether they're elected or whether just a regular voter."

Stacey Walker, the first black county board chairman in Iowa's second-most populous metro area, said she hasn't seen this kind of energy among black operatives, activists and officeholders in Iowa in years.

"Not since the Obama coalition have we seen so many persons of color actively engaged and inspired by our politics," Walker said. "It hasn't always been this way, and certainly not in Iowa." Giving an early indication of the energy within this small but influential segment of the caucus electorate, more than 200 black Democrats braved a driving ice storm in February to attend the Iowa Democratic Black Caucus winter fundraiser at a north Des Moines union hall.

2020 Democratic primary calendar may boost Hispanic voter clout

By WILL WEISSERT
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — How to pronounce Beto O'Rourke's first name — "Is it BET-oh or BAY-toe?" — is debated nearly everywhere the 2020 Democratic presidential hopeful goes in Iowa. But Rich Salas doesn't hesitate.

"BET-oh," the chief diversity officer at Des Moines University says correctly while introducing O'Rourke at a recent gathering of an Asian and Latino political action committee. "What a really great name."

Salas noted that O'Rourke "speaks really good Spanish, better than I do," before leading chants of "¡Viva Beto!"

It's a rallying cry that may not

resonate in Iowa, home to the nation's first presidential nominating contest, but could pay dividends faster than in previous years thanks to a primary calendar that will see the two states with the largest Hispanic populations go to the polls earlier than usual.

Hispanics make up just 6% of the population in Iowa, which holds caucuses Feb. 3, and barely half that percentage in New Hampshire, which goes next.

But then comes Nevada, where almost 30% of people are Hispanic. Just 10 days later this cycle, California and Texas — home to 13-plus million eligible Hispanic voters, nearly half of all such voters nationwide, according to the

Pew Research Center — vote on "Super Tuesday."

That means candidates who can win consistent Hispanic support could potentially secure a viable — if narrow — path of survival through the primary's frantic opening weeks, as the 23-candidate field winnows.

A total of 4,051 Democratic delegates are up for grabs. Nearly 500 of those will be in California and 260-plus in Texas. Both allocate delegates proportionately, though, meaning even the winners likely have to share their hauls — and potentially providing more lifelines for any candidate who can mobilize Hispanics even if they don't finish first.

"I think it's smart for the can-

didates to be thinking about how they can become a household name in the Latino community," said Matt Barreto, co-founder of the Hispanic polling firm Latino Decisions. "It will keep them alive and it will make them a national contender, even if they don't do well in Iowa or New Hampshire."

It's a risky strategy since that means betting on an electorate that's disproportionately young and plagued by low voter turnout — and may still mostly be going to the polls late enough that campaigns working hard to woo it may not last that long.

New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, who was the lone Hispanic in the 2008 presidential race, made a strong showing in Nevada es-

sential to his bid, only to drop out before he got there following fourth-place finishes in Iowa and New Hampshire.

U.S. Census survey data shows that general election Hispanic turnout in 2018 climbed 13-plus percentage points from the last midterms in 2014, to 40.4%, but still trailed whites, who reported voting at 55% rates, and blacks, who reported voting at 51.1%.

Still, Barreto noted that the overall number of Hispanics who reported voting has risen in recent cycles and that the turnout percentage has been hurt because so many Hispanics are turning 18, and young people of all backgrounds are less likely to vote.

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Historic flooding predicted along Arkansas River

Associated Press

FORT SMITH, Ark. — Residents in parts of Arkansas were preparing for what meteorologists on Sunday predicted will be the worst flooding in recorded history along parts of the Arkansas River over the coming week.

The National Weather Service said in the statement that levee "over topping" is likely with "significant impacts to life and property across a very large area."

The Arkansas River reached 38.2 feet on Sunday near Fort Smith, Ark., surpassing the historic crest of 38.1 feet in April 1945.

Spokeswoman Karen Santos said the city of 80,000 residents that's on the border with Oklahoma was in "preparedness and warning mode." She said one home was completely submerged and about 500 homes either have water very close or in them. Authorities predict hundreds more homes and businesses will flood by the time the river crests there Tuesday at 42.5 feet.

Across the river from Fort Smith, the tiny town of Moffett, Okla., population about 120, was submerged by Saturday afternoon, Sequoyah County Emergency Management Director Steve Rutherford told The Times Record in Fort Smith.

In downtown Van Buren, Ark., just northeast of Fort Smith, Rickey Jones, co-owner of BrokenJoe's Screen Printing, was

among several business owners who put sandbags in front of their entrances.

"We're going to be stacking things as high as we can in here, taking out electronics and helping out our neighbors," Jones said.

On Sunday afternoon, a National Guard helicopter was sent to rescue two Army Corps of Engineers workers who had become trapped in a building as the Arkansas River rose, said Arkansas Department of Emergency Management spokeswoman Melody Daniel.

"The river had risen and spread to a point where the lock and dam building itself was no longer accessible by boat or road," said Daniel, who took video of the rescue at the Trimble Lock and Dam, located on the county line of Crawford and Sebastian counties.

She said there were also several road closures due to high water.

The water flowing into the Arkansas River has come from rains in southeast Kansas and northeastern Oklahoma, said National Weather Service meteorologist Willie Gilmore.

"All that water funneled down into the tributaries that go into the Arkansas River," Gilmore said.

In Tulsa, authorities advised residents of some neighborhoods on Sunday to consider leaving for higher ground because the river is stressing the city's old levee system.



JAMIE MITCHELL, THE (FORT SMITH, ARK.) SOUTHWEST TIMES RECORD/AP

Volunteers fill sandbags at the soccer field parking lot in Chaffee Crossing, Ark., on Saturday for distribution around flood-prone homes throughout the area.



MIKE SIMONS, TULSA WORLD/AP

Justin Sloggett reacts while talking about his parents' furniture store, The Saving Place Rustic Furniture and Mattress, after a suspected tornado destroyed their warehouse in Sapulpa, Okla., on Sunday.

Tornado: Deadly twister destroys homes, buildings in Oklahoma with very little warning

FROM FRONT PAGE

Saturday and lasted for four minutes. The tornado was about 75 yards wide at its widest point and was on the ground for 2.2 miles.

The tornado was spawned by a powerful storm system that rolled through the state — the latest in a week of violent storms to hit the flood-weary Plains and Midwest that have been blamed for at least 11 deaths, including the two killed in El Reno.

Early Sunday, another tornado destroyed several buildings and downed trees and power lines in the Tulsa suburb of Sapulpa, which is 110 miles northeast of El Reno. Pete Snyder, a hydro-meteorological technician with the weather service in Tulsa, said crews were assessing damage to determine the tornado's rating. The area also experienced dam-

age from strong straight-line winds, he said.

The Sapulpa Police Department said on its Facebook page that it hadn't heard of any deaths and that only a few minor injuries had been reported.

Residents wandered around after sunrise to survey the damage, carefully avoiding fallen utility poles that blocked some streets. Among the buildings that were destroyed was a historic railroad building built in the early 1900s that the Farmers Feed Store had been using for storage. A furniture store's warehouse was also destroyed.

In El Reno, emergency crews sifted through the rubble at the trailer park and motel, where the second story collapsed into a pile of debris strewn about the first floor and parking lot.

Twenty Garrison, 63, told The

Associated Press that she was in her mobile home with her husband, two young grandchildren and a family friend when she heard the storm coming and immediately hit the ground. Moments later, she heard her neighbor's mobile home slam into hers before it flipped over and landed on her roof.

Garrison said the incident lasted five to 10 minutes and that she received a tornado warning on her phone but the sirens didn't go off until after the twister hit.

The storm is the latest to hit the flood-weary central U.S. and dumped yet more rain in the region's already blotted waterways. In Tulsa, authorities advised residents of some neighborhoods on Sunday to consider leaving for higher ground because the Arkansas River is stressing the city's old levee system.

Report: Texas would lose hundreds of billions in a major coastal storm

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Housing sales in Texas would drop, gasoline prices would increase and the state would lose hundreds of billions of dollars in economic output if another major storm struck an unprotected coastline, according to a new study.

The joint economic impact study by Texas A&M University at Galveston and the Texas General Land Office evaluated storm surge impacts on the three counties along Galveston Bay — Galveston, Harris and Chambers, the Houston Chronicle reported.

It also examines how flooding from a major storm would affect

the local and national economies.

Hurricane Harvey swamped communities in the area in August 2017. The storm made landfall near Corpus Christi with 130 mph sustained winds and torrential rains.

Although a 500-year flood has a 0.2% — or one in 500 — chance of happening in any given year, Harvey was the third to hit the Houston area in three years. The study found that another such storm would result in an 8% decrease in Gross State Product by 2066, amounting to an \$853 billion loss.

"This study clearly demonstrates that, without any new protections in place, future storm

surges could have substantial and lingering impacts on Texas' economy and send lasting ripples through other economic sectors nationwide," Texas land commissioner George P. Bush said in a statement.

The study was conducted prior to the Army Corps of Engineers' recommendation in October of a barrier proposal calling for 74 miles of dunes, gates, levees, and wildlife restoration. It would start at High Island and run the length of Bolivar Peninsula and Galveston.

With a barrier in place, economic losses would be considerably less, the study found.

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Reversing Roe v. Wade wouldn't turn clock back

By DAVID CRARY
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Associated Press

A wave of state abortion bans has set off speculation: What would happen if Roe v. Wade, the ruling establishing abortion rights nationwide, were overturned?

Although far from a certainty, even with increased conservative clout on the Supreme Court, a reversal of Roe would mean abortion policy would revert to the states, and many would be eager to impose bans.

What would not happen is a full-fledged turning back of the clock to 1973.

Women now have far more methods to avoid unwanted pregnancies, as well as safer, easier options for abortion. Many abortions are induced at home with a two-drug combination, and advocacy groups are spreading the word about home abortions using one of the drugs that can be done without a medical professional's involvement.

"I don't think you can put all those different genres back in the bottle," said medical historian Andrea Tone at McGill University in Montreal. "Women are in charge of their reproductive destiny. I don't think women will put up with the absence of privacy and discretion that birth control and abortion provide."

Here's a look at some of the abortion-related changes that have unfolded since 1973.

Abortions increase, decline

At the time of Roe, abortion was broadly legal in four states, allowed under limited circumstances in 16 others, and outlawed under nearly all circumstances in the rest. A reversal of Roe would produce a patchwork map where perhaps 15 or so states would continue to make abortion easily accessible, a dozen or more would ban virtually all abortions unless the mother's life is at stake, and the rest would thrash out their response in the public arena and the legislatures.

In 1974, a year after Roe, there were about 899,000 abortions in the U.S., according to the Guttmacher Institute, a research organization that supports abortion rights.

The number of abortions rose steadily, peaking at 1.61 million in 1990, before starting a steady decline — falling to 926,200 in Guttmacher's latest national survey, covering 2014. Close to 90 percent of the abortions occur in the first 12 weeks of pregnancy.

The decline is attributed to increased availability of effective contraception and a sharp decrease in unintended pregnancies, notably among teens. In 1974, teens accounted for 32.5% of abortions in the U.S.; in 2014 that dropped to 12%.

Contraceptive options

Technology and science have given women unprecedented options and control over fertility since 1973. Back then, single women had only recently gained



ROSELU V. SOLIS/AP

An examination/procedure room at the Jackson Women's Health Organization in Jackson, Miss., is seen May 17. If the U.S. Supreme Court were to overturn Roe v. Wade, it wouldn't mean a turning back of the clock to 1973.

nationwide access to birth control, thanks to a 1972 Supreme Court ruling, said Dr. Sarah Prager, who directs the University of Washington School of Medicine's family planning fellowship.

"This is recent history," Prager said. "Now we have these incredibly effective contraceptive methods available."

A woman can get the morning-after pill without a prescription and keep some in her medicine cabinet for emergencies. Her smartphone sends birth control reminders. Or, if she prefers, a matchstick-size implant gives her no-hassle contraception for years at a time.

Surgical abortion has become safer, employing tools that use vacuum pressure rather than scraping. There's increasing use of the medication alternative: Ending a pregnancy with mifepristone and misoprostol now accounts for about 30% of U.S. abortions.

"It's safe and comfortable," said Missouri resident Lexi Moore, 30, who ended a pregnancy in September with a prescription from Planned Parenthood. "You get to sit in the comfort of your home instead of doing it in a clinic or in a back alley... You will have cramps, like a heavy period. But it's worth it in the end, and you have control over that."

Moore had to drive 70 miles to pick up

her prescription and, lacking insurance, paid \$800 out of pocket. But she welcomed the outcome, and wrote thank-you cards to the clinic.

Her experience contrasts with that of Vikki Wachtel, who as an 18-year-old attending school in Connecticut had an abortion in New York City's Bellevue Hospital in October 1970. That was just a few months after New York became a pioneer in broadly legalizing abortion.

"The staff made us feel like we were about to commit a crime," Wachtel said, recalling how she and other young women were treated callously.

That ordeal was followed by post-abortion complications, yet Wachtel has steadfastly supported abortion rights.

"It was MY CHOICE to not have a child in 1970 and it must remain a woman's choice to do so on a national level," she said in an email. "These overreaching and restrictive laws will only make abortions more dangerous, not eliminate them."

Abortion by mail

For women today, there's even abortion by mail.

It's still under study, but early results show women can manage their medical abortions safely at home. A doctor first confirms the woman's pregnancy is less than

10 weeks, then mails the pills. About 300 U.S. women have ended pregnancies in the TelAbortion study.

"Women are really grateful not to have to travel three or four hours to a clinic," said researcher Dr. Beverly Winikoff, of Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health. "But there are also people within walking distance from a clinic who prefer to do it this way because it's more private."

To the extent that women can get and use misoprostol to end pregnancies at home, women even in states with bans would have a relatively safe option. It's available only by prescription in the U.S. but is available online from some countries where it is sold over the counter.

Among the leading advocates of this do-it-yourself option is attorney Jill E. Adams, executive director of If/When/How: Law-yeering for Reproductive Justice. Amid the wave of abortion bans, she said her group's hotline has received a surge of calls from worried women.

"If the recent events have shown us anything, it's that self-managed abortion is vital to current and future reproductive rights in the United States," Adams said.

Anti-abortion violence

In the aftermath of Roe, it took years for supporters and opponents of abortion rights to entrench themselves in the polarized camps of today.

Anti-abortion violence didn't erupt immediately after the decision, but has been a constant since the 1990s, when three abortion providers and three clinic employees were killed in attacks. More recently, Dr. George Tiller, an abortion provider in Wichita, Kan., was shot to death by an anti-abortion activist in 2009, and a gunman killed three people at a Planned Parenthood clinic in Colorado in 2015.

There have been major shifts in anti-abortion tactics. Compared with in the 1990s, there are fewer mass demonstrations and clinic blockades, and there is far more success passing anti-abortion laws in Republican-controlled state legislatures. In the five years preceding this year's sweeping bans, scores of other laws have been passed to restrict abortion access.

Julie Burkhardt, a former colleague of Tiller's who now runs an abortion clinic in Wichita, said Kansas — like many GOP-controlled states — now has an array of restrictions that make obtaining abortions more expensive, time-consuming and stressful.

Michael New, an abortion opponent who teaches social research at Catholic University of America, said the debate is far more polarized now than in 1973, with fewer Republicans favoring abortion rights and fewer Democrats opposing them.

"Pro-lifers are having an easier time enacting pro-life laws in conservative parts of the country, but for the first time in a long time they have to play defense in blue states," said New, citing bills passed in New York and Vermont this year expanding access to abortion.

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Vikki Wachtel

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Rescued Hawaii woman told self not to give up

Associated Press

WAILUKU, Hawaii — A Hawaii woman who was found alive in a forest on Maui island after going missing more than two weeks ago said she at times struggled not to give up.

Amanda Eller told The New York Times that despite these moments, she told herself “the only option I had was life or death.”

“I heard this voice that said, ‘If you want to live, keep going.’ And as soon as I would doubt my intuition and try to go another way than where it was telling me, something would stop me, a branch would fall on me, I’d stub my toe, or I’d trip,” said Eller, 35, a physical therapist and yoga instructor.

“So I was like, ‘OK, there is only one way to go.’”

Eller was found injured Friday in the Makawao Forest Reserve.

Eller, who is from the Maui town of Haiku, went missing on May 8. Her white Toyota RAV4 was found in the forest parking lot

‘I heard this voice that said, ‘If you want to live, keep going.’

Amanda Eller

Hawaii woman rescued after more than two weeks lost in forest

with her phone and wallet inside.

Hundreds of volunteers searched for her. Eller’s parents offered a \$10,000 reward to encourage people to find her.

Eller told the Times that she had intended to go on a short trail walk. She went off the path at one point to rest, and when she resumed hiking, she got turned around.

“I wanted to go back the way I’d come, but my gut was leading me another way — and I have a very strong gut instinct,” Eller said. “So, I said, my car is this way and I’m just going to keep going until I reach it.”

She said she kept trying to get back to her car but wound up going deeper into the jungle.

During her ordeal, she fell off a cliff, which led her to fracture her leg and tear the meniscus in her knee, a friend, Katie York, told the Times.

After the fall, she struggled to walk, Eller said. She also had trouble finding food.

“I was getting so skinny that I was really starting to doubt if I could survive,” Eller said.

Finally, after 17 days of wandering, she saw a helicopter that had been sent to find her.

“I looked up and they were right on top of me,” Eller told the Times. “I was like, ‘Oh my God, and I just broke down and started bawling.’”

Javier Cantelops said he was searching for Eller from a helicop-



TROY JEFFREY HELMER, FIND AMANDA/AP

Amanda Eller, center, is comforted by searchers Javier Cantelops, left, and Chris Berquist, near the Kailua reservoir in East Maui, Hawaii, after her rescue on Friday afternoon.

ter along with Chris Berquist and Troy Helmers when they spotted her about 3:45 p.m. Friday near the Kailua reservoir, according to Maui Police Department spokesman Lt. Gregg Okamoto and the Honolulu Star-Advertiser.

“It was unbelievable, dude,” Cantelops said. “Seeing her for the first time in a long time was just unbelievable. It was nothing short of elation.”

The Maui Fire Department took Eller to a hospital for evaluation, Okamoto said in a statement.

Her mother, Julia, told the Maui News that Amanda Eller survived by staying near a water source and eating wild raspber-

ries and strawberry guavas. She even ate a couple of moths, Julia Eller said.

“She lost quite a bit of weight, as you can imagine, being lost for that amount of time,” Julia Eller said.

“But she was able to survive it. She had the right skills and did the right things to buy time so that we had a chance to find her.”

Amanda Eller suffered a leg fracture, abrasions on her ankles and a severe sunburn, but Julia Eller told the Maui News that her daughter’s spirits were good.

“And all of those things are treatable,” Julia Eller said.



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States struggle with human trafficking cases

Associated Press

BOSTON — Laws cracking down on human trafficking are on the books in all 50 states, but convictions are notoriously elusive, and state prosecutors haven't come close to matching the success their federal counterparts have had in winning cases.

States need to add resources to support trafficking victims, educate the public and train law enforcement if the numbers of prosecutions and convictions are to improve, officials and experts say. In at least a dozen states, attorneys general are not even authorized to pursue human trafficking charges.

Records requested from all 50 states by The Associated Press indicate a low conviction rate since Washington became the first state to enact a human trafficking law in 2003. A previous study suggested a 45% conviction rate through roughly the first decade of the laws.

In contrast, the conviction rate for prosecutions under the federal Trafficking Victims Protection Act, enacted in 2000, is about 80%, according to Justice Department data.

"We're not fully where we need to be, but it's encouraging to see states pursue these cases," said Bradley Myles, executive direc-



HANNAH MORSE, PALM BEACH (FLA.) POST/AP

A sign is posted at Orchids of Asia Day Spa in Jupiter, Fla., on Feb. 19, one of several spas closed in south Florida after an investigation into sex trafficking. An Associated Press survey found many states lack the resources or the necessary laws to effectively fight human trafficking.

tor of the Polaris Project, which lobbied for passage of the state laws. "Prosecutors are still learning how to prosecute these cases successfully. We're in the process of seeing the field mature more. It's going to take time."

Underscoring the difficulties is the misdemeanor case against New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft, whose attorneys May 13 succeeded in getting video evidence suppressed. The decision,

if upheld, could force prosecutors to drop charges against Kraft and potentially others among the 300 men facing solicitation charges as part of a sweeping investigation of massage parlor prostitution and possible human trafficking in Florida.

Some spa owners and operators also face felony prostitution charges, but none of the defendants has been charged under the state's human trafficking law.

Some local officials point out that prosecutors do often win convictions on other, often lower charges that can still take suspected human traffickers off the street for a time, not unlike how murder charges are sometimes downgraded to manslaughter.

In the Florida prostitution case, many of the spa operators are being prosecuted under the state's Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, which

calls for the same maximum penalty, 30 years in prison, as for human trafficking.

That means prosecutors won't have to rely on the testimony of trafficking victims, which is frequently difficult to procure, in order to build their cases while still being able to pursue long sentences, said Jeffrey Hendriks, a prosecutor in Fort Pierce handling six of the felony cases.

State attorneys general in Connecticut, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Minnesota, North Dakota, Tennessee, Washington and West Virginia told the AP they lack the authority to prosecute human trafficking cases, either because primary criminal prosecutorial powers lie with district and county attorneys or because state law doesn't specifically allow them to prosecute the crimes.

State Sen. Mark Montigny, a Democrat from New Bedford who has proposed changes to increase the success rate, has suggested requiring the state to provide training programs for local law enforcement agencies; launch a human trafficking public awareness campaign; compile an annual report of investigations and prosecutions statewide; and designate additional public money to trafficking survivor support services.

Hefty donation to Trump's inaugural comes under scrutiny

By RICHARD LARDNER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Real estate mogul Franklin Haney contributed \$1 million to President Donald Trump's inaugural committee and all he's got to show for the money is the glare of a federal investigation.

The contribution from Haney, a prolific political donor, came as he was seeking regulatory approval and financial support from the government for his long-shot bid to acquire the mothballed Bellefonte Nuclear Power Plant in northeastern Alabama. More than two years later, he still hasn't closed the deal.

His tale is a familiar one in Washington,

where lobbyists and wealthy donors use their checkbooks to try to sway politicians. It's a world Haney is accustomed to operating in and one that Trump came into office pledging to uphold. Yet Trump has left in place many of the familiar ways to wield influence.

Haney's hefty donation to Trump's inaugural committee is being scrutinized by federal prosecutors in New York who are investigating the committee's finances. Their probe is focused in part on whether donors received benefits after making contributions.

Trump's former personal attorney, Michael Cohen, has given prosecutors information regarding Haney, his son and

business associate, Frank Haney Jr., and the nuclear plant project, according to a person familiar with what Cohen told the authorities. The person was not authorized to speak publicly and requested anonymity.

Haney had briefly hired Cohen to help obtain money for the Bellefonte project from potential investors, including the Middle Eastern country of Qatar. Cohen is now serving a three-year prison sentence for tax evasion, lying to Congress and campaign finance violations.

Prosecutors also are examining whether foreigners unlawfully contributed to the committee. Federal prosecutors in Manhattan issued a subpoena last year seeking

a wide range of financial records from the committee, including any "communications regarding or relating to the possibility of donations by foreign nationals."

The inaugural committee has denied wrongdoing and said its funds were fully accounted for.

Haney, 79, has previously faced accusations that his political gift-giving is aimed at cultivating influence. An investigation by House Republicans in the late 1990s alleged that Haney's money and his political pull with senior Clinton administration officials helped him to get the Federal Communications Commission to move into an office building that he had a major stake in. Haney denied any wrongdoing.

Vietnam vet presents his medals to slain ROTC cadet

By CHAD GARLAND
Stars and Stripes

A Vietnam War veteran presented two of his medals posthumously to a University of North Carolina-Charlotte ROTC cadet who was killed when he tackled a gunman who opened fire inside a classroom.

Marine Corps veteran Thomas "Stormy" Matteo, a six-time Purple Heart recipient, gave his Bronze Star Medal with combat "V" device and a Purple Heart to Riley Howell in a shadow box, along with a plaque, as part of what he dubbed the "American Hero" award.

Police Chief William Holling-

shed from Howell's hometown of Waynesville, N.C., and Haywood County Sheriff Greg Christopher presented the plaque and framed medals to the slain 21-year-old's parents and siblings on Wednesday, the police department said in a Facebook post.

Matteo spoke to the family via a video call and "commended Riley's actions as a true hero," the post said.

"I felt compelled to move forward to do something on behalf of this young man," he said in a video of the conversation posted on YouTube.

"I could only think of my young Marines in Vietnam. I would have been so proud to have him as one

of my men."

Howell, who along with student Ellis Reed Parlier, 19, was killed in the April 30 attack on the Charlotte campus, is credited with saving lives by charging and pinning down the gunman. Four other students were wounded in the shooting.

"You should be very, very proud of your brother's actions," Matteo told Howell's siblings during the call. "Believe me, you cannot conceive what it takes to make that decision."

Authorities have charged Trystan Andrew Terrell, 22, with murder, attempted murder and other offenses.

Howell, who had been enrolled

in his first year in Army ROTC, was awarded a medal for heroism by the school's ROTC program earlier this month.

He had also been rendered military honors during his funeral on May 5, at which mourners were instructed to make the "I love you" sign in American Sign Language — index and pinky fingers up, middle fingers down and thumb outstretched, the Charlotte Observer reported. Howell had learned sign language as a child to talk with his uncle Matt, who is deaf.

During the ceremony, hundreds of hands shot up to make the sign toward heaven, the newspaper reported.



Howell

At the end of the call with Matteo, Howell's mother put a hand to the camera, making the same sign, the video showed.

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NATION

Refugees learn to swim as part of ministries project

BY MASSARAH MIKATI
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Zainab Altaameemi stood in the outdoor pool of the Trotter Family YMCA in west Houston on a recent Monday, donning a black burkini, a swimsuit that covers her hair and entire body.

The Houston Chronicle reported that Altaameemi's swim instructor, Kirby Frank, was trying to get her to float on her back. A skeptical, hesitant look appeared on her face.

The Iraqi refugee has been taking swimming lessons since January, along with half a dozen other refugee women. For many of the women coming from more conservative societies in Iraq and Syria, this is one of the first times they've had the opportunity to learn to swim. But the classes, organized by Interfaith Ministries of Greater Houston volunteer Chloe Krane, mean more than just learning to swim. They signify the women overcoming their fears and building a thriving, independent life in a new country.

"It's the first step here in America," said Sonobar Badeel, one of the students and a refugee from Iraq.

The salty, blue-green waters of the Mediterranean Sea lapped up onto the sandy shores in Alexandria, Egypt, getting dangerously close to Altaameemi's toes

when she was vacationing there a few years ago. She thought she would try to swim for the first time, peering out to see her husband fully immersed in the water — and in joy.

But her fear stopped her. Altaameemi, 35, is from Baghdad but moved to Egypt with her parents in 2001 for her father's job. By the time her dad had finished his work stint four years later, Iraq was embroiled in the war with the United States and was no longer safe — so Altaameemi stayed in Egypt, eventually getting married and having two children.

Life in Egypt wasn't easy, and going back to Iraq wasn't an option.

"In Egypt, the day-to-day life was hard," she said in Arabic. "Schools were expensive, cost of living was expensive and work was hard to find."

Houston, where Altaameemi came with her family as refugees in 2016, is the polar opposite. Schools are better, the opportunities for her three children — ages 11, 7 and 18 months — abound and there is support.

"Here, you feel like you're a person, you have a character, you can learn — even if you get older," she said.

When Krane brought up her swimming lessons idea to the women in the empowerment group she heads, Altaameemi thought, "No way." But when



ELIZABETH CONLEY, HOUSTON CHRONICLE/AP

Mason Alumaime practices floating with her instructor, Kirby Frank, during a swim lesson with other women at the Trotter Family YMCA with the assistance of Interfaith Ministries last month in Houston.

she thought of the approaching summer season and how much her kids enjoy swimming, she reconsidered.

Plus, she said, "It's something just for me. I like to learn. I feel joy."

The group of women desperately clung to the wall of the pool as they stood in the shallow end during their first class. Panicked, each woman tried to encourage another one to let go of the wall in between nervous laughs.

Eventually, Badeel was the first one to let go — and she said it felt like the greatest achievement.

"It was so hard the first day, but then it was just an incredible feeling," she recalled, beaming.

Fear, and subsequently courage, are not unfamiliar to Badeel, 36. She is from the Iraqi village of Bashiga, less than 20 miles northwest of Mosul. She and her family are Yazidis, the ethnoreligious minority that was persecuted by Islamic State.

"We didn't plan to leave Iraq at all," Badeel said. "We had a life

there. My husband and I were teachers. We bought land and were planning to build a house."

But then, ISIS took over Mosul in 2014 and was on its way to Bashiga's large Yazidi population. Yazidis were being murdered, the women raped and taken as sex slaves, the children sacrificed or trained to be child soldiers.

It was a nightmare. For two weeks, Badeel and her husband didn't sleep, patrolling their home to protect their children. They fled to Kurdistan in 2014 and came to the U.S. two years later.

When she resettled in Houston in 2016, Badeel and her husband were depressed and hopeless.

But Badeel started to see it as a fresh start to build a safe, happy life for her family. And although she had fears, she was driven to overcome them.

There are other refugee women, Badeel said, who are too scared to even leave their homes — and they are shocked to see Badeel going out on her own.

When she's in the water, the

burdens are lifted off her shoulders and worries escape her mind.

"I don't want my kids to be afraid of anything, whether it's swimming or anything else," Badeel said. "When kids see that we're not afraid, they're not even going to think of a reason to be scared."

Badeel and Altaameemi never thought to try to swim in Iraq.

"It's not acceptable for women to go to the pool back in Iraq," Badeel said. "Their place is in the house, whether or not they're married."

Going from a society where swimming is unacceptable for women to one where it's normal, highlighted for Badeel and Altaameemi the opportunities they have in the U.S.

They know that they'll be able to achieve so much more. Badeel, for instance, is studying to revalidate her teaching certificate to teach elementary school. She has seven years of experience in Iraq.



JENNIFER CORRETT, THE (WILMINGTON, DEL.) NEWS JOURNAL/AP

James O'Neal poses with his life-size wood sculpture of Arnold Schwarzenegger in Bridgeton, N.J.

Delaware man carves life-size wooden statues

BY RYAN CORMIER
Delaware News Journal

DELAWARE CITY, Del. — Beth O'Neal is well aware that her husband is storing bodies in their horse barn.

"I haven't sold the people yet, but now they're starting to pile up," Delaware City Refinery worker James O'Neal, 31, said while walking across his sunny property with his wife. "Most of my neighbors don't know what's going on over here."

Across a rolling green pasture at their rural Bridgeton, N.J., home, O'Neal opened the barn door to reveal the famous faces he's collected.

There's the actor and former bodybuilder Arnold Schwarzenegger, boxers Muhammad Ali and Floyd Mayweather Jr. and MMA fighters Conor McGregor and Chris Cyborg.

Oh — and Sylvester Stallone was also in there, with such a smooth face it looks more molded than sculpted in wood.

There's no need to call the police. All six are life-size statues carved from massive tree trunks — started with chainsaws — the result of an obsessive hobby for the Wilmington native.

While all his neighbors may not know what he's up to in that horse barn, plenty

of others do.

The Daily Mail, a British tabloid, featured his Schwarzenegger carving in a September article, giving him international exposure. The headline: "I'll Be Bark!"

In 2015, he created an Instagram account for his work and has since gained an impressive 25,000 followers.

He can do almost anything with his hands, it seems. A glance across his three-acre property shows how he cleared out 160 trees to create

a pasture for the horse and built patios, a parking area and more around the house.

With plenty of wood on his hands, he began carving.

Without any previous experience or art background of any kind, he just jumped in and taught himself, with eye-popping results.

His oversized carvings started with a 4-foot gorsley, sold to a woman in Florida for \$12,000.

The size of the carving stunned his wife.

"I said, 'Don't people usually start with little birds whittling or something?'" she said. "It was as big as I am."

His life-size statues started three years ago with McGregor, cut out of a maple tree O'Neal had cut down. It took about six months to complete, about 700 to 800 hours of work.

O'Neal didn't own the right kind of tools when he started, so he went to Lowe's and bought carpenter chisels.

"After about 100 hours, I realized I couldn't get any further with those, so I went to a wood craft store and bought some real chisels," said the Mount Pleasant High School graduate. "I just figured it out by doing it."

Once his big cuts are complete with a chainsaw, he uses his backhoe to bring the trunk (now about 1,000 pounds) across his property from the woods through the horse pasture and into a horse barn. There, he turns that block of wood into an artistic marvel, usually weighing between 200 and 375 pounds when he's done.

His next project is former bodybuilder Franco Columbu. A 3,000-pound hunk of spaceman is strapped up, ready to be cut. It's the first piece of wood he's had to buy so far, costing him \$300.

WORLD

Europe's elections reveal new political landscape

By LORNE COOK
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Associated Press

BRUSSELS — European Union leaders and party officials plotted strategy Monday after European Parliament elections ended the domination of the main center-right and center-left parties and revealed an altered political landscape where the far-right and environmentalists stand as forces to be reckoned with.

French President Emmanuel Macron launched a flurry of meetings ahead of a summit Tuesday where the 28-nation bloc's presidents and prime ministers will take stock of the results from elections that attracted the highest voter turnout in 20 years.

Macron's Republic on the Move party looks to have secured 23 seats in the assembly for the next five years — the same number as the far-right National Rally, whose leader, Marine Le Pen, was trounced by Macron in national elections two years ago.

He was due to hold talks with the leaders of Spain, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia ahead of the dinner summit in Brussels.

France wasn't the only country where voters took their concerns about immigration and security to the ballot box. Italy's populist League party, under hard-line Interior Minister Matteo Salvini, is set to become one of the biggest in the 28-nation bloc's assembly. Belgium's Vlaams Belang also made significant gains.

"The rules are changing in Europe," Sal-

vini said at his League party headquarters in Milan early Monday. "A new Europe is born."

Provisional results show the League would win 34% of the vote, up from just 6% at the last European election in 2014.

The lion's share of Britain's seats went to Nigel Farage's Brexit Party as citizens punished the governing conservatives and opposition Labour party for their embarrassing failure to manage the divided country's delayed departure from the EU.

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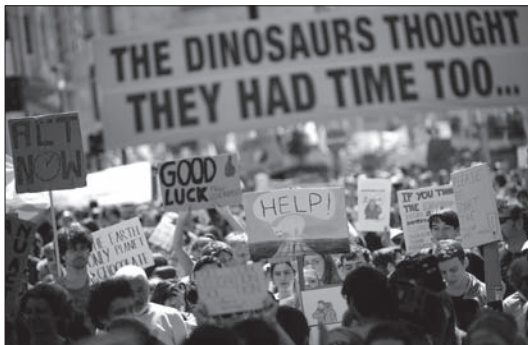
main forces for EU integration.

Another mainstream formation, the pro-free-market ALDE group backed by Macron, saw its stake in the 751-seat parliament rise to 109 seats from 68 in 2014.

The picture of a fractured assembly for the next five years was complete as many citizens turned their backs on the center-right European People's Party — one of its key figures, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, saw her party lose ground — and the center-left Socialists.

In Berlin, the leaders of Germany's governing parties met separately to weigh the fallout from their worst post-World War II

Riding what they called Europe's "green wave" backed by Europe-wide rallies urging climate action, environmentalist parties made strong gains, notably in Germany, one of the continent's



FRANCISCO SECO/AP

People march in Brussels on Friday during a protest urging climate action. Environmentalist parties were among those that made gains in European Parliament elections that ended on Sunday.

showing in a nationwide election.

Certainly, the EU polls have signaled an end to a cozy two-party relationship that has endured for 40 years.

"We are facing a shrinking center of the European Union Parliament," a subdued EPP lead candidate Manfred Weber said after just over 50 percent of the EU's more than 400 million voters had turned out over four days in the world's biggest transnational elections. "From now on, those who want to have a strong European Union have to join forces."

The Socialist lead candidate, Frans Timmermans, essentially conceded defeat, even though the two groups remain the assembly's biggest by some margin.

"If you lose an election, if you lose seats, you have to be modest," the former Dutch foreign minister said. "We have lost

seats, and this means that we have to be humble."

Spanish caretaker Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez was a notable exception, as his victorious Socialists looked set to win 20 of the country's 54 seats in the parliament.

Although still trickling in, results show that the EPP is set to secure 182 seats, down from 217 five years ago. The Socialists are slated to win 147, down from 187.

The two parties have dominated the parliament with a combined majority since elections were first held in 1979. Senior figures from the EPP hold the top posts in the EU's three main institutions: parliament president, head of the EU's powerful executive commission and European Council president, who chairs summits of European presidents and prime ministers.

UK Brexit Party scores big as Conservatives, Labour falter

By JILL LAWLESS
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Associated Press

LONDON — Veteran euro skeptic Nigel Farage said Britain should get set to leave the European Union without a divorce deal after an election across the bloc saw his Brexit Party and pro-EU forces carve up the votes at the expense of the long-dominant larger parties.

The U.K.'s governing Conservative Party was all but wiped out in voting for the European Parliament, as pro-Brexit and pro-EU voters both punished it for leading the country into a political impasse and failing to lead it out of the EU.

With results announced Monday for all of England and Wales, the Brexit Party had won 28 of the 73 British EU seats up for grabs and almost a third of the votes. The pro-EU Liberal Democrats took about 20% of the vote and 15 seats — up from only one at the last EU election in 2014.

Labour came in third with 10 seats, followed by the pro-European, environmentalist Greens, with seven. The ruling Conservatives — apparently blamed by voters for failing to deliver Brexit in March as planned — were in fifth place with just three EU seats and under 10% of the vote.

Scotland and Northern Ireland are due to announce their results later.

The election leaves Britain's EU exit ever more uncertain, with both Brexiters and pro-EU "remainers" able to claim strong support. Labour and the Conserva-

tives, who in different ways each sought a compromise Brexit, were hammered.

The result raises the likelihood of a chaotic "no deal" exit from the EU — but also of a new referendum that could reverse the decision to leave.

"This is the vote that says, 'Put no-deal Brexit back on the table,'" Farage said.

A triumphant Farage said his party would "stun everybody" in the next British general election if the country didn't leave the EU on the currently scheduled date of Oct. 31.

The election is likely to harden the rhetoric of candidates to succeed Prime Minister Theresa May, who is stepping down as Conservative leader next month after failing to deliver Brexit.

Most businesses and economists think leaving the EU with no agreement on departure terms and future relations would cause economic turmoil and plunge Britain into recession. But many Conservatives think embracing a no-deal Brexit may be the only way to win back voters from Farage's party.

Boris Johnson, the current favorite to replace May as Britain's next prime minister, tweeted: "The message from last night's results is clear. It is time for us to deliver Brexit and set out our positive plans for the country."

Another leadership contender, former Brexit Secretary Dominic Raab, said "voters have sent us a very clear message: Unless we get on and actually leave the EU, they will rightly kick us out at the



ALASTAIR GRANT/AP

Brexit Party leader Nigel Farage reacts as results are announced at the counting center for the European Elections for the South East England region in Southampton, England, on Sunday.

next election."

Farage's Brexit Party was one of several nationalist and populist parties making gains across the continent in an election that saw erosion of support for the traditionally dominant political parties.

The results reflect an electorate deeply divided over Britain's 2016 decision to leave the EU but united in anger at the two long-dominant parties, the Conservatives and Labour, who have brought the Brexit process to deadlock.

Ireland votes by large margin to loosen divorce law

Associated Press

LONDON — Irish voters have overwhelmingly endorsed a plan to liberalize the country's constitution to make it easier for couples to divorce, election officials said Sunday.

Just over 82% of voters endorsed removing a requirement that couples be separated for four of the previous five years before they can divorce.

It will fall to Ireland's Parliament to come up with new legislation to govern divorce. The country's Fine Gael party-led government has proposed halving the separation period to two years.

Divorce was banned in the largely Roman Catholic country until 1995. Ireland has seen rapid social change in recent years. In 2015, the country voted to legalize same-sex marriage, and last year, voters opted by a 2-to-1 margin to end a constitutional ban on abortion.

Culture Minister Josepha Madigan told RTE News that voters had shown compassion by "humanizing the system."

"I think it's an emphatic, unequivocal result, and even though we have a very low marital breakdown in Ireland, it just demonstrates the amount of people who stand in solidarity with them," she said.

Voter turnout in the referendum was just over 50%.

Results are still being tallied in Ireland's local elections and a vote for seats in the European Parliament.

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WORLD

Chinese TV carries 'Daily Show' clip on Huawei 5G lead

By CHRISTOPHER BODEEN
Associated Press

BEIJING — China has deployed an unlikely voice in its trade war with the U.S.: Trevor Noah, of Comedy Central's "The Daily Show."

A brief clip from the comedian's "If You Don't Know, Now You Know" segment on Chinese equipment maker Huawei's dominance in next-generation 5G mobile technology ran on state broadcaster CCTV's national luncheon news Monday.

It was part of a barrage of stories and commentaries attacking the U.S. stance in the standoff between the world's two largest economies.

Washington says Huawei, the leading supplier of telecom gear and No. 2 smartphone maker, is a security threat and is obliged to do the ruling Communist Party's bidding. U.S. officials have provided no evidence for their assertions that the company, based in southern China's Shenzhen, may use its equipment for espionage.

CCTV ran a "Daily Show" clip that highlighted Huawei's lead in 5G technology. It did not include parts of the segment featuring concerns over China's potential ability to spy using Huawei-equipped 5G networks.

"Recently, famous American talk show host Trevor Noah expressed his views on America's relentless suppression of Huawei," the CCTV host said. "He says the reason for the suppression is because Huawei possesses advanced 5G technology, while American 5G lags far behind."

It then ran the "Daily Show" clips where Noah states, "And right now, the best 5G technology is made by a Chinese company called Huawei."

"While America is developing its own 5G, China's 5G is so far ahead. They're basically going to set the trends," Noah says. "So,

this is a race many people are already saying America has lost."

A Comedy Central spokeswoman for "The Daily Show" was unavailable because of the Memorial Day holiday.

Washington has ordered restrictions on U.S. technology sales to Huawei, subject to a 90-day grace period for Huawei smartphone owners and smaller U.S. telecom providers that rely on its networking equipment, but only for existing hardware and software. The government said that grace period could be renewed.

In its broadcast Monday, CCTV also carried an interview with Huawei founder Ren Zhengfei, whose daughter, company CFO Meng Wanzhou, is under house arrest in Canada awaiting extradition hearings on U.S. fraud charges.

Huawei is prepared for an extended conflict, he said.

"This is likely to be long-term. We are prepared for a long-term battle; we don't prepare for a short-term fight," Ren said. "We fight a protracted war, and ... we might actually emerge stronger."

Meng is accused of lying to banks about Huawei's dealings with Iran in violation of U.S. trade sanctions. Ren said she was using her time in house arrest to study for a PhD and remains "very optimistic."

U.S. officials say the sanctions are unrelated to the trade war with China, but many analysts see them as a way to pressure U.S. allies to abide by Washington's entreaties to exclude Huawei equipment from their next-generation 5G wireless networks.

Huawei Technologies relies on Google's Android operating system and U.S. components suppliers for its smartphones, but Ren said last week that it has "sunny backups" if it loses access to American components.



BEN BRICCHALL, PA/AP

Chasing the cheese

Participants take part in the third men's downhill race during the annual cheese rolling competition at Cooper's Hill in Brockworth, Gloucestershire, England, on Monday.

4 suspects arrested in Lyon blast

By SAMUEL PETREQUIN
Associated Press

PARIS — French police have arrested four suspects following a blast in the city of Lyon that wounded 13 people last week, authorities said Monday.

TV footage showed a police operation underway Monday in a small town outside Lyon involving officers wearing ski masks. Police had launched a large manhunt after a device exploded Friday on a busy pedestrian street in France's third-largest city.

Interior Minister Christophe Castaner announced the first arrest on Twitter, a development later confirmed by Paris prosecutors, who handle all terrorism-related cases.

The prosecutors' office later said three other suspects, including a woman, were detained and formally arrested. According to French media, they included the mother and the brother of the main suspect.

Lyon Mayor Gerard Collomb, a former interior minister, said one of the suspects is an IT student who was arrested as he stepped off a bus.

"It's a relief for all Lyon inhabitants. I believe the case has been resolved," Collomb told BFM TV. "If there was a network, it has been identified and will certainly be dismantled."

French President Emmanuel Macron has called the explosion an "attack" but no group has claimed responsibility for the explosion yet. An investigation has been opened for "attempted murder in relation with a terrorist undertaking" and "criminal terrorist association."

Last week, France's counterterrorism prosecutor, Remy Heitz, described video surveillance that showed a suspect heading toward the center of Lyon on a bike Friday afternoon. The man was seen arriving on foot, pushing his bike along a pedestrian-only street, then leaving a paper bag on a

concrete block in the middle of the street near a bakery.

The suspect immediately returned to his bike and left the same way. One minute later, the explosion shattered the glass of a refrigerator in the bakery, Heitz said. Regional authorities said the 13 wounded suffered mostly minor injuries.

It was unclear whether the suspect first arrested Monday was the same person, although Collomb said the detained student was identified thanks to video surveillance.

Investigators at the scene have found screws, ball bearings, batteries, a triggering device that can be used remotely and plastic pieces that may come from the explosive device.

France has been hit by a spate of attacks in recent years, some of them deadly, carried out by people ranging from extremist attackers to mentally unstable individuals.



GUADALUPE PARDO/AP

The banks of the Hualaga River are cracked after a powerful earthquake in Puerto Santa Gema, on the outskirts of Yurimagas, Peru, on Sunday.

Peru's president surveys quake damage

By FRANKLIN BRICENO
Associated Press

LIMA, Peru — A powerful magnitude 8.0 earthquake that struck a remote part of the Amazon jungle in Peru early Sunday collapsed buildings and knocked out power to some areas but caused only one reported death.

The quake struck at 2:41 a.m. and was centered in a vast nature preserve 57 miles east of the small town of Yurimagas. Helping limit damage was the earthquake's depth, at 70 miles below the surface, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. Earthquakes that are close to the surface generally cause more destruction.

President Martin Vizcarra called for calm before traveling to the zone with members of his Cabinet to survey the damage. He said first reports indicate a bridge had collapsed and several homes and roads had been affected.

"It's a quake that was felt throughout the Peruvian jungle," said Vizcarra.

Ricardo Seijas, chief of the National Emergency Operations Center, said one person died when a rock fell on a house in the Huarango district.

A preliminary survey by authorities found that six people were injured and 27 homes damaged across seven provinces. Three schools, three hospitals and two

churches were also affected.

In Yurimagas, a bridge and several old houses collapsed and the electricity was cut, according to the National Emergency Operations Center.

The quake also awoke people in Lima, who ran out of their homes in fear.

"It was a really long quake," said Maria Brito, who lives on the fifth floor of an apartment building in the capital. "It could've been worse, and luckily it's over."

Earthquakes are frequent in Peru, which lies on the Pacific's so-called Ring of Fire. On August 15, 2007, a similarly sized quake struck near Lima, killing more than 500 people.

BUSINESS/WEATHER

New 'smart glove' aids recovery from stroke or an injury

By JOHN REID BLACKWELL
Richmond (Va.) Times-Dispatch

RICHMOND, Va. — As graduate students at the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business, Scott Kim and Hoyoung Ban were brainstorming for inventive ideas.

One stuck and led to the start-up company Neofect. It had to do with using games to help people who have suffered loss of hand and arm function due to a stroke or injury regain some of their dexterity.

"The first thing that came to my mind was when I was growing up," said Kim, who grew up in Seoul. "I was born with spina bi-fida. It was a mild case, but I had to have a surgery and then I had to go through rehabilitation."

The idea was to develop a "smart glove" that people recovering from a stroke or injury could wear which would be linked wirelessly to a computer with various games that would help them practice hand and arm motions.

"This idea struck us both as a good one," Kim said. "It was one of the ideas we just kept talking about."

That idea was the seed of Neofect, a company founded by Kim, Ban and a third friend.

Neofect now offers its smart-glove device as well as other tools such as its smart pegboard to help with hand and arm rehabilitation.

The company, which has of-

fices in South Korea and San Francisco, recently set up a sales and order fulfillment office in Chesterfield County, its first East Coast location.

It took a long time for the start-up to get to this point. In 2010, the co-founders had little money to put into their project, Kim said. A \$150,000 grant from the South Korean government helped with research and development, but it wasn't enough to get a product to market.

For several years, the company got sidetracked on what it hoped would be a profitable venture in making smartphone games. Kim, who had worked in consulting before going to graduate school, planned to lead U.S. operations for Neofect but had to get another job to maintain his U.S. visa.

"There were many growth pains" for the startup business, Kim said.

Finally, by 2016, the company was able to move back to its original mission of making rehabilitation devices.

"Once we did that, good things started happening," Kim said.

"We wanted to make a device for home patients that is lightweight, portable and affordable," he said. "This is still our mission."

On a recent visit to the company's office in the Boulders office park, Kim demonstrated the smart glove, a flexible exoskeleton-like device that slides onto the hand.



JOE MAHONEY, RICHMOND (VA.) TIMES-DISPATCH/AP

Scott Kim demonstrates the use of a smart pegboard while looking at a screen which tracks his arm and hand movements on May 20 in Richmond, Va.



Kim demonstrates the "smart glove," which works with hand movements during rehab exercises.

It is linked by Bluetooth to a computer tablet with a selection of 45 games the company designed that require various sorts of hand motions.

In a simple "squeeze the orange" game, the user must squeeze their fingers until an animated orange that appears on screen empties its juice into a glass. A game of blackjack lets the user practice hand motions that involve turning the wrist as playing cards flip on screen.

The goal is to make the repetitive motions of rehabilitation

more interesting with a clear objective in mind.

The company's software can track progress.

Neofect is offering its smart-glove device to both rehabilitation clinics as well as individuals who want to use it at home. The cost is \$99 per month on a 24-month installment plan.

Nearly 795,000 people in the U.S. suffer strokes each year. Kim said he hopes the Neofect tool can become one way to provide better home rehabilitation.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (May 27)	\$1.1478
Dollar buys (May 27)	€0.8712
British pound (May 27)	\$1.30
Japanese yen (May 27)	¥107.80
South Korean won (May 27)	₩1,160.00

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.2673
Canada (dollar)	1.3462
China (Yuan)	6.8982
Denmark (Krone)	6.6729
Egypt (Pound)	16.8315
Euro	\$1.1209/0.8935
Hong Kong (dollar)	7.8496
Hungary (Forint)	290.74
Israel (Shekel)	3.6036
Japan (Yen)	109.49
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.3043
Norway (Krone)	8.7129
Philippines (Peso)	52.22
Poland (Zloty)	3.84
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7504
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3747
South Korea (Won)	1,184.95
Switzerland (Franc)	1.0050
Thailand (Baht)	31.83
Turkey (Lira)	0.0568

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance. For Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom, or nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	5.50
Discount rate	3.00
Federal funds market rate	2.39
3-month bill	2.30
30-year bond	2.75

WEATHER OUTLOOK

TUESDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



TUESDAY IN EUROPE



WEDNESDAY IN THE PACIFIC



The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Airborne irritant sends 3 at prom to hospital

CT GROTON — A Connecticut high school's prom had to be cut short when several students were taken to the hospital because of what was described as an irritant similar to pepper spray in the air.

Police said rescue crews responded to the Mystic Marriott Hotel in Groton about 9:45 p.m. Saturday when several Stonington High School students reported difficulty breathing.

The Day reported that Principal Mark Priese said in an email to parents Sunday morning that three students were taken by ambulance to the hospital, where they were treated and released "and appeared fine when they went home."

City may ban sale of miniature liquor bottles

NM ALBUQUERQUE — A northwestern New Mexico city is examining if it can ban the sale of miniature liquor bottles littering the grounds across town.

The Farmington Daily Times reported that Farmington Mayor Nate Duckett recently asked City Attorney Jennifer Breakell to investigate if the city could pass an ordinance banning the small liquor bottles.

Duckett made the request during the May 14 City Council meeting. That request came after a Farmington resident showed up at a City Council meeting with a bag full of miniature liquor bottles he had picked up while walking near Ladera Elementary School.

New Mexico Petroleum Marketers Association state executive Ruben Baca said banning miniature liquor bottles from being sold would likely be a hard battle for the city to win.

Man faces charges for defacing vet memorial

MA BOSTON — Police said they took a man into custody for vandalizing a memorial to Vietnam War veterans in Boston ahead of the Memorial Day holiday.

State police and University of Massachusetts-Boston police identified a 33-year-old man from Dorchester as the suspect. Police said he was interviewed Saturday, then sent to a local hospital for a mental health evaluation and treatment.

His name was not publicly released. Police said he'll be charged with malicious destruction of property and tagging. Volunteers cleaned up the swastikas and other graffiti that were scrawled on the memorial at the UMass-Boston campus sometime Thursday. They also replaced American flags and plants that adorned it.

Burglary suspect found living in a treehouse

CA POMONA — Police pursuing a burglary suspect in a Southern California suburb found him living in an

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The number of armed robberies authorities say were committed by a Southern California man. Michael Anthony Tapia was sentenced Thursday to 20 years to life. Authorities say Tapia committed the robberies during a seven-month crime spree that began in June 2017 and took him to cities throughout Los Angeles County. He was arrested at his Pico Rivera home in 2018. Under a deal with prosecutors, Tapia, 52, pleaded guilty to one felony count of second-degree robbery and admitted to two previous felony convictions. He waived credit for time in jail since his arrest and agreed to pay restitution. Tapia's previous convictions were for a 1998 robbery and attempted robbery in 2001.



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Underwater art museum

Divers hang a large photo illustration on the superstructure of the 523-foot-long Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg that was intentionally sunk almost 10 years ago off Key West, Fla., in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. The artwork, one of 24 created by Austrian photographic artist Andreas Franke, is part of his "Plastic Ocean Project" designed to communicate the need to protect the world's oceans from plastic refuse. The entire series is to be on display on the former U.S. Air Force missile tracking ship for divers to view until Aug. 25.

elaborate treehouse hidden on a hillside.

The Pomona Police Department said a tipster reported on May 21 that someone was living in the treehouse. Officers in a helicopter used heat-sensing equipment to locate Mark Duda, 56, in what police described as "a very well built and modern" treehouse.

Duda climbed down the tree and was arrested on suspicion of burglarizing a house last month.

Police said the treehouse was equipped with a fire pit, barbecue and lighting. It also looked out to the mountains in the distance.

Officials warn about bear that charged man

AK JUNEAU — Alaska state officials are warning people about a brown bear that charged a man at Juneau's Salmon Creek Trail.

The Juneau Empire reported that the bear emerged from the brush and charged at the man twice last Sunday as he was running along the trail.

The man was not hurt in the encounter about 1½ miles from the trailhead.

The Alaska Department of

Fish and Game says in a report that the bear ran into the woods, turned around and went back on the trail after charging and roaring at the man.

Woman attacked by alligator, medevaced

FL COCOA — A Florida woman was airlifted to a hospital after an alligator attack.

Brevard County Fire Rescue tweeted Saturday that the woman was attacked near a wilderness park near about 15 miles west of Cape Canaveral.

The department said the woman had significant bite wounds on her leg and flank. It said the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission would investigate the attack.

Nature exhibit: 'Attack of the Bloodsuckers!'

LA NEW ORLEANS — "Attack of the Bloodsuckers!" isn't a horror movie but an exhibit opening soon at a New Orleans nature center.

The Audubon Louisiana Nature Center in eastern New Orleans will teach why mosquitoes, ticks,

fleas, leeches and other parasites are important to the ecosystem.

The free exhibit will also explain how to avoid them — or at least find them in time.

A news release Friday said hints include keeping yards free of standing water so mosquitoes can't lay eggs in it and checking yourself carefully for deer ticks before they can transmit Lyme disease.

Arrest made in case of subway brake incidents

NY NEW YORK — Police have made an arrest in a mystery that's been stopping New Yorkers in their tracks for months: a wave of subway trains grinding to a halt because someone pulled the emergency brake.

Isaiah Thompson, 23, of Brooklyn, was arrested late Thursday after police publicized video of a man they say pulled the emergency brake on a train in Manhattan during the May 21 evening rush hour. Thompson is also accused of committing a lewd act on the subway.

Police are investigating whether he's behind about 40 other brake-pulling incidents that have cascaded into hundreds of de-

layed trains — and thousands of frustrated commuters — since February.

2 die trying to jump car over open drawbridge

TX LAKE CHARLES — Two Texas men are dead after trying to jump a compact car across the gap on a raised drawbridge.

Louisiana State Police said the incident happened shortly after 2 a.m. Friday at the Black Bayou Bridge about 6 miles south of Lake Charles. Investigators said the bridge was closed to traffic to let a boat pass through on the Intracoastal Waterway.

Witnesses said the car's passenger pushed the gate arm up and they drove the 2016 Chevrolet Cruze up to the raised section. They backed up, then accelerated forward, trying to jump to the other side. The vehicle landed in the water and sank.

State police said Alejandro Cazares, 23, of McAllen, and Roberto Alejandro Moreno, 32, of Edinburg, were pronounced dead at the scene.

From wire reports

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Sedaris' comfort zone

Actress channels vintage aesthetic in 'At Home'

By MEREDITH BLAKE
Los Angeles Times

Amy Sedaris' apartment in Greenwich Village is a riot of flea-market whimsy.

The cheerful maximalism may be out of sync with the current, Marie Kondo-inspired vogue, but Sedaris is fine with that.

"I read her book. And then I got rid of it because that's what she says to do. And I feel like I am surrounded by everything that I really like," says the actress, while sorting her collection of miniatures.

"I got into collecting these," she says, opening a box of a dozen or so antique ham-shaped charms, with the words "Smith's Premium Ham" stamped in gold letters. "I would love to do little hams that say 'Amy Sedaris.' Wouldn't that be cute?"

It would certainly be on-brand for Sedaris, the co-creator and star of "At Home with Amy Sedaris," a surreal sketch comedy show rather loosely based on her off-kilter how-to books "I Like You: Hospitality Under the Influence" and "Simple Times: Crafts for Poor People."

The show, which airs on TruTV and recently wrapped its second season, was nominated for an Emmy last year in a category won by "Saturday Night Live."

Co-created with her longtime collaborator Paul Dinello, "At Home" is a more niche concoction, one that appeals most potently, she says, to "ugly people, misfits and outcasts."

To be clear, that's a compliment.

Sedaris, 58, has been happy to play the oddball since she's first gained a following with the cult comedies "Exit 57" and "Strangers with Candy." In the latter, which marked its 20th anniversary last month, she starred as Jerri Blank, a 46-year-old who goes back to high school after decades as a "boozier, user and loser." The show aired for three seasons on Comedy Central.

Since then she's played supporting roles in "Sex and the City," "Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt" and "Bojack Horseman"; popped up in the humorous essays written by her brother, bestselling author David Sedaris; and become one of late-night TV's favorite go-to guests.

In "At Home," Sedaris plays a version of herself, the chipper host of a homemaking show set in a bright vintage kitchen, as well as a number of eccentric supporting players.

In an era when TV is flooded with topical humor, "At Home" stands out for its utter lack of contemporary references — there's no Trump, no social media, no cellphones, lending the show a refreshingly apolitical vibe.

Sedaris says she's not interested in being super famous.

"I'd rather be a little bit under the radar," says Sedaris, who likes that "At Home" airs on TruTV. "You have to really find it. I like the audience that's willing to do that. They're more loyal and dedicated."

Amy Sedaris stars in the sketch comedy "At Home with Amy Sedaris."

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Korean director wins Cannes' top film prize

Associated Press

South Korean director Bong Joon-ho's raucous social satire "Parasite," about a poor family of hustlers who find jobs with a wealthy family, won the Cannes Film Festival's top award, the Palme d'Or, on May 25.

The win for "Parasite" marks the first Korean film to ever win the Palme. In the festival's closing ceremony, jury president Alejandro Inarritu said the choice had been "unanimous" for the nine-person jury.

The genre-mixing film, Bong's seventh, had arguably been celebrated more than others at Cannes this year, hailed by critics as the best yet from the 49-year-old director of "Snowpiercer" and "Okja."

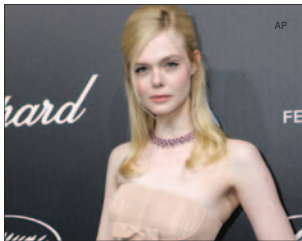
It was the second straight Palme victory for an Asian director. Last year, the award went to Japanese filmmaker Hirokazu Kore-eda's "Shoplifters," also a compassionate parable about an impoverished family.

Many of this year's awards were given to social and political stories that depicted geopolitical dramas in localized tales, from African shores to Paris suburbs.

The festival's second place award, the Grand Prize, went to French-Senegalese director Mati Diop's feature-film debut, "Atlantics." The film by Diop, the first black female director ever in competition in Cannes, views the migrant crisis from the perspective of Senegalese women left behind after many young men flee by sea to Spain.

Best actor went to Antonio Banderas for Pedro Almodovar's reflective drama "Pain and Glory." In the film, Banderas plays a fictionalized version of Almodovar looking back on his life and career.

The Belgian brothers Jean-Pierre and Luc Dardenne took the best director prize for "Young



Fanning: 'I learned so much'

Elle Fanning, the youngest juror ever at Cannes, said she's been transformed by her experience at the French festival.

"I didn't know how I would come out of this experience," said the 21-year-old actress. "I do feel like I see films in a different way. I learned so much."

Mexican director Alejandro Inarritu, president of the jury, praised Fanning for bringing a younger perspective to the jury.

"Having Elle in the jury was a gift," said Inarritu. "Elle is an old soul in a way. She has been doing films forever. But to have the fresh ideas, it really grounded us."

"We saw it through her young eyes," he added. "We learned a lot from her too."

—Associated Press

Ahmed," their portrait of Muslim teenager who becomes radicalized by a fundamentalist imam.

British actress Emily Beecham won best actress for her performance in Jessica Hausner's science-fiction drama "Little Joe."

'Sonic the Hedgehog' delayed for redesign

The makers of "Sonic the Hedgehog" are slowing things down.

The film's release date has been moved back three months after director Jeff Fowler announced a redesign was coming.

"Taking a little more time to make Sonic just right," Fowler shared May 24 on Twitter.

The live-action and computer-generated movie will now open on Feb. 14, 2020, after originally being slated for this Nov. 8.

Fowler announced the redesign on May 2, shortly after Sonic's appearance in the first trailer became the subject of jokes and memes on social media, many of which focused on the high-speed hedgehog character having human-like teeth.

"Thank you for the support. And the criticism," Fowler tweeted at the time. "The message is loud and clear ... you aren't happy with the design & you want changes. It's going to happen."

"Sonic the Hedgehog" is based on the SEGA video game series by the same name.

Moby apologizes for saying Portman lied

Moby is backing away from his insistence that he once dated actress Natalie Portman in an apology the musician posted May 25.

"As some time has passed I've realized that many of the criticisms leveled at me regarding my



PARAMOUNT PICTURES/TNS

The first "Sonic the Hedgehog" trailer revealed a critter with human-like teeth, which many fans found unsettling.

inclusion of Natalie in "Then It Fell Apart" are very valid," Moby wrote on Instagram.

"I also fully recognize that it was truly inconsiderate of me to not let her know about her inclusion in the book beforehand, and equally inconsiderate for me to not fully respect her reaction."

Moby's claims were rebutted by Portman herself after the release of Moby's new memoir. Moby pushed back at her denial, even posting a shirtless photo of himself with his arm around Portman as proof, for several days before finally posting his apology.

In an interview, Portman characterized their brief friendship as "creepy."

Moby is nearly 16 years older than Portman.

From New York Daily News

SHIFTING GEARS



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2019 Lexus GX 460 capable of hauling the family on or off the road

By G. CHAMBERS WILLIAMS III
Fort Worth (Texas) Star-Telegram

Now in its second generation, the seven-passenger Lexus GX 460 full-size sport utility returns for 2019 with a starting price of \$52,355 (plus \$1,025 freight) for the base model, \$54,925 for the midlevel Premium and \$63,755 for the top-of-the-line Luxury version, which we tested for this report.

For 2019, the GX carries over without any major changes, but the Blind Spot Monitor with Rear Cross-Traffic Alert is now a standard feature at no extra cost. Also, the Lexus Enform Safety Connect and Service Connect features are complimentary for 10 years, and Lexus Enform Remote, which brings smart-watch and Amazon Alexa integration, is now included on all models.

Over the past couple of years there have been some content tweaks, such as the addition of a new Sport Design Package (\$1,950) for the two higher trim levels, which adds 18-inch split-five-spoke alloy wheels with gunmetal metallic finish; special front fascia and lower grille surround; side mirrors with chrome detail; a sporty rear valance; chrome exhaust tip; scarlet taillights; and heated middle row tilt/slide dual captain's chairs.

Among other features added recently were standard LED headlights and daytime running lights, and optional LED fog lights (included on Luxury and Premium), along with a new rear fascia and taillights.

Also, dual captain's chairs are available for the second row of seats, which will cut the vehicle's capacity to six people, and heated and ventilated front seats are offered as a standalone option (\$640) on the base model rather than requiring a full separate upgrade package.

There's also an available Driver Support Package with Mark Levinson Audio (\$2,340), included on our Luxury tester, which adds high-tech safety gear such as the Pre-Collision System, Driver Attention Monitor, Lane Departure Alert, Radar

Cruise Control, Intelligent High-Beam Headlights, Crawl Control, and Wide View Front and Side Monitor.

The Driver Attention Monitor uses a camera to scan the driver's face, and to sound a warning if the driver stops looking forward. If the driver doesn't respond as the vehicle closes on an obstacle detected ahead, this system gently applies the brakes, retracts the front seatbelts and prepares the brake system to respond with increased force when the brake pedal is pushed.

Premium models are created by adding the Premium Package to the base GX,

bringing leather seats, mahogany wood interior trim, rain-sensing wipers with windshield de-icer, 18-inch split-spoke alloy wheels, LED fog lights, intuitive parking assist, heated/ventilated front bucket seats, heated outboard second-row seats, three-zone automatic climate control, touch-screen navigation with voice control, and the Lexus Enform telematics/connectivity system with app suite and destination assist.

Additional features on the Luxury model include the Adaptive Variable Suspension, self-leveling rear air suspension, semi-aniline leather interior trim, wood- and leather-trimmed heated steering wheel, power-reclining and folding third-row seats, headlight washers and a cargo-area cover.

The included Lexus Enform Service Connect allows owners to have remote access to information about the vehicle. The available information includes maintenance alerts, warning-light notifications, and vehicle health reports that include email and push notifications for diagnostic information, required maintenance reminders, current vehicle alerts, service campaigns and more.

Also available is Lexus Enform Remote, which allows the owner to remotely view and control certain vehicle features using a mobile app for iOS and Android devices. Key features include remote door lock/unlock, remote stop/start for the engine and climate control, vehicle finder, guest driver monitor and more.

On all models, there's a standard audio system with eight-inch touch-screen display, backup camera system, and HD radio with real-time traffic and weather information. Trailer sway control is also standard.

Previously known as the GX 470, since 2010 the vehicle has been called the GX 460, reflecting a change for the second generation to a 4.6-liter V-8 engine, replacing the previous 4.7-liter.

Among Lexus vehicles, this is one of two

traditional sport utilities. The other is the slightly more expensive LX 570. The GX essentially is a fancier version of the Toyota 4Runner, while the LX is a higher-end version of the Toyota Land Cruiser.

Under the hood of the GX is the 4.6-liter V-8 rated at 301 horsepower and 329 foot-pounds of torque, connected to a six-speed automatic transmission.

With the standard bench seat, the GX has room for three passengers in the middle row; the third row can accommodate two small people (think kids). The second-row bench can be moved up to 4.1 inches forward or backward to allow for longer or shorter legs in either row, or to maximize cargo space behind the second seat (with the third seat folded).

The 60/40 split second-row seat can be folded, as well, to increase cargo space, and it also can recline. The third seat has a standard power folding feature to increase cargo capacity when the seat isn't needed for passengers — otherwise, space is quite limited behind the third row — under 10 cubic feet.

On the GX, the tailgate opens to the right side in one piece, or the glass can be flipped up separately with the rest of the tailgate still in place.

The GX is very quiet at highway speeds, allowing passengers to enjoy the entertainment system or conduct conversations in normal voices.

Standard safety features include electronic stability control; antilock brakes with electronic brake-force distribution and brake assist; and 10 air bags, including driver and front-passenger knee and seat-mounted side air bags as well roof-mounted side-curtain air bags for all three rows.

Among other standard GX 460 features are eight-way power-adjustable front seats; automatic climate control; steering wheel audio controls; power moon roof; a memory system for the driver's seat, steering wheel position and outside mirrors; and an overhead console with universal garage opener.

2019 Lexus GX 460



Highlights: This vehicle offers truck ruggedness and reliability in a package that combines great off-road capability with good on-road ride and handling.

Negatives: Third seat is not roomy enough for full-size adults.

Base price: \$52,355-\$63,755, plus \$1,025 freight

Price as tested: \$70,840, including freight and options (2019 Luxury model)

Engine: 4.6-liter V-8

Transmission: Six-speed automatic

Power/torque: 301 horsepower/329 foot-pounds

EPA fuel economy: 15 mpg city/18 highway/16 combined.

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OPINION

It's hard to take impeachment seriously now

By NOAH FELDMAN

Bloomberg Opinion

Impeachment has jumped the shark. The episode that proves it is the one in which serious, informed politicians are wondering if President Donald Trump actually wants to be impeached for political advantage and is trying to goad Democrats into obliging him.

It would be impossible to imagine a more preposterous scenario under the Constitution and in the history of the presidency. Impeachment was intended by the constitutional framers as a highly serious option reserved for only the most extraordinary, egregious violations of the rule of law. Today's discussion treats impeachment as a trivialized gambit within the ordinary game of electoral politics. The undermining of the constitutional ideal is near-total. It's almost laughable.

To be clear, impeachment itself is and has long been a matter of high seriousness. Not so long ago, Richard Nixon resigned from the presidency to avoid the historic disgrace of being impeached. President Bill Clinton toughed it out, famously. But neither he nor anyone else doubted that his impeachment, however motivated by partisanship, became a permanent stain on his personal and presidential legacy. Whether you think that Clinton was guilty of high crimes and misdemeanors or not, it mattered enormously that he was just the second president in 200 years to be impeached. The House Republicans pushing his impeachment weren't just saying that they wanted to make it harder for Clinton's vice president, Al Gore, to win the next election. They were making the argument that Clinton was a genuine criminal who had subverted the justice system by lying under oath.

Fast forward 20 years. When critics of the Trump presidency started discussing impeachment almost as soon as he took office, they meant to do much more than

achieve some political advantage. Or at least I did. In my role as a constitutional law professor, I wrote several essays trying to make sense of the law, history and theory of impeachment. I went back and read books on the subject going back to the 1970s.

I wasn't alone. Two of my most distinguished colleagues at Harvard Law, Laurence Tribe and Cass Sunstein, each wrote full-length books on the ins and outs of impeachment. Both had worked for President Barack Obama. Yet both went to great lengths to avoid saying that Trump deserved to be impeached on the basis of available evidence. Instead, they provided nuanced analysis of constitutional precedent and logic. The point of the exercise was to help guide the public in a rational, nonpartisan way through the thickets of possible constitutional crisis.

Of course, no scholar or expert would deny that there is a political aspect to impeachment. Some politics is inherent in a constitutional structure that places impeachment responsibility in the House of Representatives and the trial to remove a president in the Senate. The framers may have been idealistic, but they weren't naive. They knew that elected politicians would not be free of political motivation. Nevertheless, they also made successful impeachment and removal very difficult, precisely to discourage Congress from taking the whole process lightly. They chose words with grand implications — “high crimes” — to underscore that removing the president outside of elections must not be undertaken lightly.

Yet somehow, the talk in the last 2½ years has robbed impeachment of its original serious content and atmosphere. Maybe it's just too many rapid-fire conversations on CNN, MSNBC and Fox News, with their constant drumbeat of partisan prediction and preoccupation. We have talked about impeachment in the partisan context so much that we can no longer imagine it as

something more than an electoral ploy.

The blame for this development goes to both parties. Since the 2018 midterm election, House Democrats have made it painfully clear that discussing impeachment is primarily or even exclusively a tool to weaken Trump's chances in 2020. You almost never hear a Democrat say, “We have a moral duty to impeach even if it will cost us the election in 2020.” Rather, the idea of impeachment and the idea of electoral advantage have become inextricably entwined.

On the Republican side, there has been much gleeful speculation that a Democratic effort to impeach Trump would bring out the Republican base in huge numbers. Trump himself is clearly toying with the possibility that this might be true — hence his recent efforts that seem to be daring the Democrats into action, or at least making them look like wimps if they don't impeach him.

That leaves us with the preposterous notion that the president could or would somehow bring about his own impeachment to help him get reelected. Gone is the traditional notion that impeachment itself would be a blot on Trump's reputation. Not that Trump has ever cared much about reputation in the ordinary sense, but he very clearly wants to be remembered as a great president. In his mind, however, being impeached apparently would not stand in the way of his lionization as a leader.

Trump's beliefs about politics and the Constitution are nothing if not a reflection of this instant in time. That he is treating impeachment as mere rhetoric shows that impeachment has lost its sting. That's sad enough for now. It will be much, much sadder in the future, the next time we need impeachment to mean something.

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Honor WWI veterans while they are still among us

By JOHN D. HOLLIS

Special to The Washington Post

“A nation reveals itself not only by the men it produces, but also by the men it honors, the men it remembers.”
—President John Kennedy, October 1963

Sherwin Callander was there for the start of U.S. involvement in World War II, and had a front row seat for the opening act of its final chapter as well. The 98-year-old Navy veteran has the rare distinction of having been stationed at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii when the Japanese attacked on Dec. 7, 1941, before taking part in the D-Day invasion of Europe on June 6, 1944.

“They were both bad,” Callander said, “and we lost a lot of good people.” Now living in Madison, Ala., Callander will be in Normandy next month when the world commemorates the 75th anniversary of the Allied invasion of Nazi-occupied France.

However, this could mark the last major D-Day milestone that Callander and many of his fellow warriers will live to see. That's because we're losing our World War II veterans at an alarming rate of about 348 per day, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs. Of the more than 16 million Americans who served in World War II, fewer than 500,000 were still alive in 2018. The youngest of those heroes are almost all in their mid- to late 90s at this point.

Soon, the voices of the “Greatest Generation” will be forever silent.

They put their lives on hold and answered their country's call when it needed them most. So, while we can, we should make certain to honor them for saving the world from tyranny.

Callander enlisted in the Navy in 1939 after a stint with the Civilian Conservation Corps. He was aboard a supply ship returning from Wake Island when the Japanese unexpectedly struck Pearl Harbor, killing roughly 2,400 people on a day that President Franklin Roosevelt would later characterize as “a date which will live in infamy.” Arriving in Hawaii the following morning, Callander and his shipmates were horrified at the carnage, but helped pull the many dead and wounded Americans from the water. “We pulled into Pearl Harbor and had to clean up the mess that was left,” he said.

The experience inspired Callander to go to Virginia to be trained on the Higgins boats used to deliver combat troops ashore. He took part in the invasions of North Africa and Italy in 1942 and 1943, respectively, before making several trips to shore under withering enemy fire to deliver U.S. soldiers onto Utah Beach on D-Day.

“Normandy was a rough one,” he said. “There were dead and wounded everywhere, but we were told not to help anybody. We were to get back to the ship as soon as possible because we had to get

more manpower on the beach.”

Callander said that day was one he'll never forget. “They were expecting us and were dug in,” he said. “The first three waves of soldiers died. I don't think they made it 10 feet after reaching the beach. The water was blood red for about 10 feet out. We finally got a foothold, but men, we lost a lot of people.”

Callander, who will be in Normandy when he turns 99 on June 4, left the Navy in 1945 and went on to enjoy a wonderful life that produced seven children and more than 40 grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was among the many World War II veterans who returned home and immediately resumed their lives following the war's end. Many went back to school or got married and began raising families. It's a testament to just how much time has passed that their children are the baby boomers now old enough to be passing into retirement themselves.

Callander, who speaks to groups of young people on occasion, says it's his hope that more young Americans of today might serve their country in uniform as he so proudly did. “Freedom is not free,” he said.

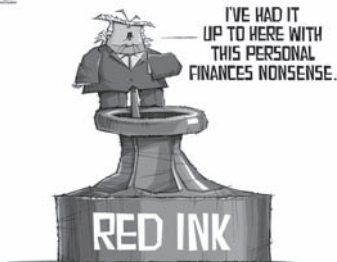
It's a sobering fact that Callander and his contemporaries knew all too well. And we're all the better off for it today.

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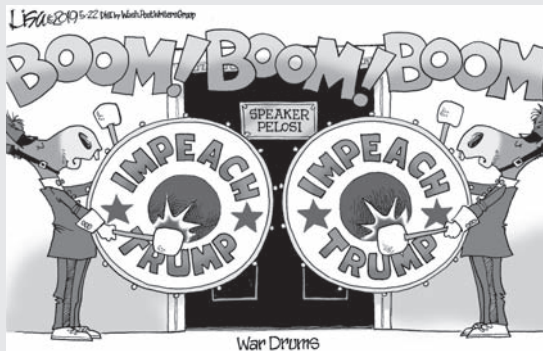
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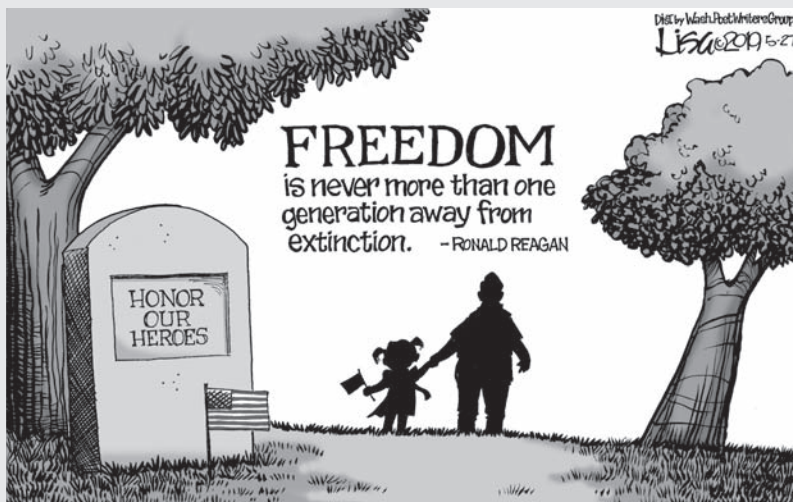


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STANLEY CUP FINAL

Ex-Blues rooting for first Cup win

By STEPHEN WHYNO
Associated Press

BOSTON — T.J. Oshie went through five early playoff exits with the St. Louis Blues who could never seem to break through.

Four years after being traded, the Capitals winger hopes the Blues winning the Stanley Cup will ease their pain.

"They put in a lot of hard work," said Oshie, who won the Cup with Washington last year. "They've had a lot of heartbreak ... For that fan base and a lot of the staff that took care of me for seven years and some players that are still there that I've had and have a close bond with, I'd love to see them win."

Oshie and plenty of other former members of the Blues organization are rooting for their old team to win the Cup for the first time in franchise history. That includes a couple of executives who helped build the team and are beaming with pride at St. Louis living up to the potential that it appeared to have over this run of eight playoff appearances in 11 seasons.

"It's just a good thing," former Blues president of hockey operations John Davidson said. "That city deserves this. It's a great sports city. There's a lot of tradition behind their hockey club. ... I'm happy for them."

St. Louis is the NHL's oldest franchise that hasn't won the Cup, and only the Toronto Maple Leafs' drought since 1967 (months before the Blues' inaugural season) is longer. Scotty Bowman, the Blues' coach for consecutive trips to the final in 1968, 1969 and 1970, still feels a connection because his wife is from nearby Southern Illinois; he met her in St. Louis

and has a history with assistant Larry Robinson and others in the organization.

Bowman is decades removed from his time with the Blues. Martin Brodeur was assistant general manager the past three seasons and before that was a special assistant to GM Doug Armstrong and finished his career in St. Louis.

Brodeur still lives in St. Louis while working for the New Jersey Devils because his 9-year-old son is in school and youth hockey there. He won't go so far as to attend the games, but is looking forward to the city getting swept up in Stanley Cup frenzy.

"This city, it's been crazy for this for a long time — obviously for 49 years, I guess," Brodeur said. "Regardless of the people I worked with that they were tremendous to me and it was a big learning curve and everybody really helped me out in that department, but for the people that live in St. Louis and it's a great sports town and they care about their Blues — it's been a great run for them. I'm really happy for them."

Davidson, who was with St. Louis from 2006-2012 and is now president of the New York Rangers, is happy for longtime Blues coach Larry Pleau. Davidson has been with the club since 1997 and is now a senior adviser. Davidson also hired Armstrong to succeed Pleau and had a major hand in piecing together this core.

This was the success Davidson envisioned when the Blues drafted Alex Pietrangolo fourth overall in 2008.

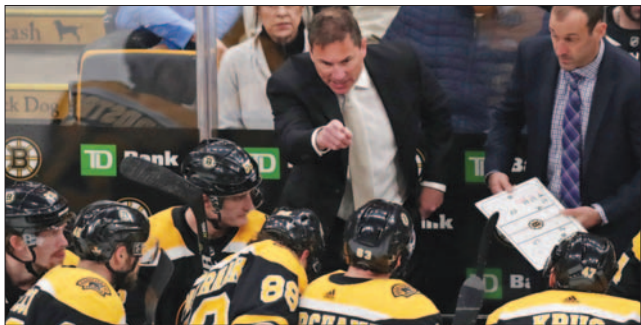
Davidson never imagined it would happen with Jordan Binnington in goal, going so far as to say, "I don't think the Blues knew he was going to be this good, but God bless him, he's good."

Capitals backup goalie Phoenix Copley knew how good Binnington was from their time together with the Blues' top minor league affiliate. Copley was the third goalie on Washington's Cup-winning team last year and is thrilled to see his friend reach the final.

"He was a really good teammate and he's a great guy, and it's always good to see guys who have put in the work and deserve to be getting the opportunities and deserve to be getting the success that he's having," Copley said. "When you have a relationship with a guy, you always kind of root for him. That would be really cool, but it's cool to watch him with all the success he's having. He's put in the work."

Now that Oshie and Copley have championship rings of their own and the Capitals are out of the playoffs, they're rooting for the Blues to finish the job against the Boston Bruins.

"It would be special with their story with how they struggled earlier in the year and how they came together," Oshie said. "It would be a pretty cool story for them."



CHARLES KRUPA/AP

Bruins coach Bruce Cassidy has guided Boston to the Stanley Cup Final a decade and a half after a disastrous tenure in Washington.

On the rebound

Bruins' Cassidy or Blues' Berube will get Cup in second coaching try

By STEPHEN WHYNO
Associated Press

Bruce Cassidy has come a long way from writing his first NHL practice plan on a napkin.

Craig Berube hasn't changed a bit from the moment he was fired from his first NHL head coaching job.

Two roads diverged in a crazy world of hockey and brought them to this Stanley Cup Final. Cassidy has guided the Boston Bruins to this point a decade and a half after a disastrous tenure in Washington. Berube took the St. Louis Blues from worst to their first final since 1970 several years after a short stint in Philadelphia.

One of them will become the sixth coach in 12 years to lift the Cup in his second stop as NHL head coach and reward an organization and countless people for giving him another chance.

"The guys that are good in this business, they learn a lot along the way and just continue to improve," said Vegas general manager George McPhee, who hired Cassidy with Washington in 2002, had Berube as a player and then interviewed him for the Capitals' coaching job in 2013.

"In some ways it's a shame that these guys didn't get opportunities earlier. But they continue to coach because they're good at it and they get opportunities at the American (Hockey) League and then get opportunities at the NHL because they deserve it."

Cassidy's former Capitals players couldn't be sure he deserved this after benching respected veteran defenseman Calle Johansson in his last game with the team in 2003. Goaltender Olie Kolzig said Cassidy had "a lack of professionalism on and off the ice" at the time, which ultimately led to his firing 25 games into his second season.

McPhee wonders aloud now if he put Cassidy in a difficult spot coaching a veteran team featuring established star Jaromir Jagr. Looking back, Kolzig believes Cassidy actually did a fairly good job his first season, but the now 54-year-old coach sees some of his shortcomings in the rearview mirror.

"I was young. I had really no NHL experience," Cassidy said. "So you walk into an NHL locker room and there's still a little bit of awe in that, 'Oh, there's Jagr, there's a lot of these guys that've been around.' So it probably took me a while to just walk in there and say 'This is what we're doing.'"

Nicknamed "Butch" after the infamous outlaw, Cassidy rehabbed his reputation with a season as a Chicago Blackhawks assistant, two in junior and then an eight-year run as an assistant and head coach with the Bruins top AHL affiliate in Providence. By the time he got back to an NHL organization with the Bruins, general manager Don Sweeney noticed Cassidy has "evolved a lot" in his confidence, and the growth goes beyond that.

Kolzig is glad Cassidy has his life in order now,



JEFF ROBINSON/AP

Blues head coach Craig Berube, left, greets the Stars' Ben Bishop after St. Louis' 2-1 win in double overtime of Game 7 in the second round. Berube previously coached the Flyers.

and he and McPhee are thrilled to see him at the summit of hockey.

"Most guys go through what he went through and you'd never hear from them again," Kolzig said. "He went back and paid his dues and learned from his mistakes and applied it to the rest of his career. Now he's on the verge of winning a Cup."

To do so, Cassidy's Bruins have to go through Berube's Blues, who responded mightily after he succeeded fired coach Mike Yeo on Nov. 19. Before winning 29 of their final 43 games to become the seventh team since 1967 to make the playoffs from last in the league after New Year's Day, they lost 11 of Berube's first 20 games as interim replacement.

Nicknamed "Chief" for his First Nations heritage, Berube has never had that look — from his career of more than 1,000 games and 3,000 penalty minutes as a team-first role player to his first head job with Philadelphia when he took over three games into the 2013-14 season.

Flyers players respected Berube's no-nonsense attitude and simple approach of playing smart, defending well and working as a team.

"A lot of coaches will kind of give you the run-around when you're not getting ice time," said Scott Hartnell, who played for Berube's Flyers teams.

"Where 'Chief' is very honest and he'll let you know exactly what you're doing wrong and how to fix it and you'll be rewarded with ice time afterwards. It's a very straightforward approach, which I think a lot of players could learn something about that."



BILLY HURST/AP

T.J. Oshie went through five early playoff exits with the St. Louis Blues who could never seem to break through. Four years after being traded, the Capitals winger hopes the Blues winning the Stanley Cup will ease their pain.

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The Braves' Josh Donaldson watches his RBI single during the ninth inning of Sunday's game against the Cardinals in St. Louis. Atlanta won 4-3 in the 10th inning.

Roundup

Red Sox top Astros to avoid sweep

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Rafael Devers homered off Justin Verlander, and the Boston Red Sox took advantage of two errors by the Houston Astros to avoid a series sweep with a 4-1 victory Sunday.

Eduardo Rodriguez (5-3) held Houston to one run and four hits in six innings, improving to 5-1 in his last eight starts.

The Astros lost for just the fifth time in 22 games and finished the regular season 4-2 against the Red Sox, who beat them 4-1 in the ALCS last season on the way to a World Series championship.

Athletics 7, Mariners 1: Matt Chapman homered for the second consecutive day, Josh Peghey also went deep and had three RBIs, and streaking Oakland beating host Seattle to win its ninth straight.

Royals 8, Yankees 7 (10): Whit Merrifield got a fortunate hop on an RBI single in the 10th inning, and Kansas City beat visiting New York despite blowing a six-run lead.

Dodgers 11, Pirates 7: Justin Turner had five hits after taking a day off, Joc Pederson homered during a six-run sixth inning that featured consecutive bases-loaded plunkings and Los Angeles beat host Pittsburgh to complete a three-game sweep.

Brewers 9, Phillies 1: Brandon Woodruff allowed a solo homer but was otherwise perfect over eight innings, Christian Yelich hit his NL-leading 21st home run and Milwaukee connected five times against visiting Philadelphia.

Rays 6, Indians 3: Austin Meadows led off the game with a home run and was 4-for-4 with three

RBIs, leading Tampa Bay over host Cleveland.

Twins 7, White Sox 0: Jake Odorizzi permitted one hit in 5½ scoreless innings, and Eddie Rosario and Max Kepler each hit a three-run homer as Minnesota completed a sweep of visiting Chicago.

Reds 10, Cubs 2: Nick Senzel had three hits, scored four times and cut down a runner at the plate to help visiting Cincinnati beat Chicago.

Blue Jays 10, Padres 1: Cavan Biggio had three hits, including his first career home run, Lourdes Gurriel Jr. had four hits and homered for the third straight game, and Toronto beat visiting San Diego.

Mets 4, Tigers 3: Zack Wheeler pitched into the eighth inning, Todd Frazier delivered a clever push bunt and host New York kept up a run of comebacks by beating Detroit for its sixth win in seven games.

Nationals 9, Marlins 6: Howie Kendrick hit his eighth homer, drove in three runs and finished with three hits as Washington beat visiting Miami.

Rockies 8, Orioles 7: Nolan Arenado homered for the third straight game, pitcher German Marquez tripled and drove in three runs, and host Colorado scored twice in the bottom of the ninth inning to rally past Baltimore.

Angels 7, Rangers 6: At Anaheim, Calif., Mike Trout and Kole Calhoun scored on wild pitches in a six-run seventh inning that gave Los Angeles a comeback win over Texas.

Diamondbacks 6, Giants 2: Ketel Marte homered for the third time in three games, Eduardo Escobar had three hits and Arizona completed a sweep of host San Francisco.

Braves rally past Cards

St. Louis reliever Webb walks in go-ahead run in 10th

By STEVE OVEREY

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Ozzie Albies was not about to back down.

The Atlanta infielder finished a 10-pitch at-bat by singling in the tying run in the ninth inning to kick-start the Braves to a 4-3, 10-inning come-from-behind win over the St. Louis Cardinals on Sunday.

Brian McCann drew a bases-loaded walk off reliever Tyler Webb for the go-ahead run in the 10th.

Albies forced extra innings by fouling off five consecutive 3-2 pitches from Andrew Miller before ripping a one-out hit to right to tie the score at 3-3.

"The same way he was trying to get me out, I was trying to get my knock," Albies said. "I got the hit, we got the run. It was a huge win for us."

Atlanta, which trailed 3-0 before scoring three in the ninth to tie it, has won 12 of 16 and captured its fifth successive series by winning two of three from St. Louis.

"As he kept fouling off more and more pitches, you could tell his confidence kept growing," Atlanta infielder Freddie Freeman said. "He was throwing everything he had up there and he kept fouling it off. We were feeling pretty good in the dugout."

Braves' infielder Josh Donaldson also saw Albies' confidence growing with each pitch.

"He relished that moment against a guy that's got swing-and-miss stuff," Donaldson said.

The Braves won for only the second time in 19 games when trailing after eight innings.

"We were dead in the weeds for eight innings," Atlanta manager Brian Snitker said. "This is a resilient group. They played 27 outs. This was a good one."

Freeman reached on an infield single with one out and moved to second on a walk to Donaldson and advanced to third on Nick Markakis' fly ball to center field. After Austin Riley was intentionally walked to load the bases, McCann drew a five-pitch walk from Tyler Webb (0-1) that brought in Freeman with the go-ahead run.

Jacob Webb (3-0) picked up the win with a scoreless ninth and Luke Jackson got the last three outs for his seventh save in 11 tries.

Ronald Acuna Jr. had two hits for Atlanta.

The Cardinals have lost four of six and have not won back-to-back games since May 1.

Donaldson and Riley's run-scoring hits in the ninth came off closer Jordan Hicks.

St. Louis starter Jack Flaherty gave up three hits and struck out seven in a 91-pitch outing over six

scoreless innings.

The Cardinals scored two unearned runs against Atlanta starter Julio Teheran in the fourth. Kolten Wong reached on a two-base error by Riley, who dropped a line drive in left field. Harrison Baker followed with a run-scoring single to right. He eventually scored on a wild throw to the plate by Donaldson at third.

Yadier Molina pushed the lead to 3-0 with a sacrifice fly in the fifth.

"This one stings a little more than most," St. Louis manager Mike Shildt said. "When you get to that point in the game, we've just got to be able to figure a way to bring it home."

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Atlanta Braves manager



DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

Boston third baseman Rafael Devers throws to first for an out after fielding a ground ball by the Astros' Carlos Correa during the third inning of Sunday's game in Houston. The Red Sox won 4-1.

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On basketball

Summer of change:
Much more on line
than title in finalsBy TIM REYNOLDS
Associated Press

It all comes down to this.
No, really.
It ALL comes down to this.

The next four, five, six or seven games of the NBA Finals between Golden State and Toronto will not only decide the 2019 championship, but how this series plays out is inevitably going to affect how free agency unfolds starting in a month or so.

I'll affect Warriors star Kevin Durant and his annual stay-or-go decision. It'll affect Raptors star Kawhi Leonard as he ponders his next move, or if he'll be moving at all. Klay Thompson will be a free agent this summer. DeMarcus Cousins will be free this summer. Their thinking will inevitably be moved one way or another by this series; the decisions they'll all make in the coming weeks will have a ripple effect on the rest of the NBA.

Durant made clear over the weekend that he's tired of the incessant talk about his future.

"I know what I bring to the team," Durant said, "but I also know that a lot of people on the outside don't like to see us together."

New York will be paying intense attention to everything that gets said, tweeted, Instagrammed and intimidated. Brooklyn will be in the same boat. So will the Los Angeles Clippers, who think they're on the cusp of building something really good, and the Los Angeles Lakers, who made the biggest signing of last summer by getting LeBron James and have done very little right since.

They will all be waiting to hear what Durant, Thompson, Leonard and Cousins decide.

And those are just the biggest fish — the whales, to use a term Miami President Pat Riley likes.

After that, there's another 60 or so players who could be free agents this summer — some have opt-ins and might not be relocating — and who are coming off seasons where they averaged at least 10 points per game. Their teams next season will be affected on some level by who gets whom in the draft. How some teams pick in the draft will be influenced on what they're hearing about free agency. And that ripples on this series.

So it's not just a ripple effect. The finals may create a tsunami.

"The latest I've heard from our basketball operations group is that, I believe, 40 percent of our players are going to be free agents this summer," NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said at All-Star weekend in February.

"So it's two sides of the coin. Some people could say, 'Oh my God, look at all that player movement.' On the other hand, that player movement could be very positive for a lot of teams."

Maybe, maybe not.

If the Warriors win this series, as the oddsmakers in Las Vegas expect, it'll be a third consecutive championship for Golden State — and some history. The Celtics, Lakers and Bulls are the only franchises to win three or more in a row. And out of that group, only the Celtics have won four in a row (eight, actually). Michael Jordan never did. Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant never did.

That would be the obvious recruiting pitch the Warriors would make to Durant and Thompson. "Come back and try to win No. 4. Come back and try to do something that very few players have done and something no one has done in a half-century." That lure would undoubtedly be strong. But if they lose this series, it would seem much easier for either player to say it's been a great run and it's time to go play somewhere else.

If Durant stays, then the Knicks, Nets and Clippers would have to move on to Plan B for free agency.

Therefore, they probably should be rooting for the Raptors.

Durant is difficult to read because he uses social media to give cryptic hints that usually aren't hints at all. Leonard is impossible to read. For all anyone knows, he has already decided to stay in Toronto or sign elsewhere. Or maybe he hasn't even thought about the summer. Maybe he is as robotic as he tries to convey.

But the same theory applies: If Toronto wins this series, it'll be harder for Leonard to leave. So the teams that want him, they might want to root for the Warriors.

Let's use the Knicks solely for example purposes. If they don't get Durant or Leonard, then maybe Irving crosses them off his list. Maybe that would mean Kemba Walker climbs up their charts. Maybe that means Jordan decides to offer Walker the supermax of \$221 million or so to stay in Charlotte.

And the ripples go on and on. They won't be little waves gently rolling onto the shores, either.

This will be a summer of change and a summer of major spending in the NBA. This series is going to decide much more than who gets rings. This series will likely decide who plays where for many years to come.



JULIO CORTES/AP

United States forward Alex Morgan, left, gets ahead of Mexico defenders Rebeca Bernal, center, and Greta Espinoza during the first half of a friendly match on Sunday in Harrison, N.J.

US beats Mexico before
starting Cup title defenseBy RONALD BLUM
Associated Press

HARRISON, N.J. — Fans spelled out the message at the end of the national anthem, unfurling a huge banner before the game on the south end of Red Bull Arena: "ONE FOR ALL AND ALL FOR FOUR" it read, with a large gold star in the center.

Ten prep games for the U.S. women's soccer team this year ended with an unimpressive 3-0 win over Mexico in a send-off match on Sunday. The Americans travel to England on Monday and will work out at Tottenham's training grounds before heading to France on June 7, four days before starting their World Cup title defense against Thailand.

"We want to win everything. We want to win every game," said midfielder Megan Rapinoe, her spiky hair newly dyed pink. "It's going to be extremely tough. It's going to be a grueling tournament. But, yeah, like I said, the expectation for us is always to win."

Seeking their fourth World Cup title, the top-ranked Americans have seven wins and two draws since a Jan. 19 loss at France, outscoring opponents 28-8. That defeat ended a 28-game unbeaten streak and the current run has been largely against lesser opponents, but confidence is high. After playing No. 34

Thailand, the U.S. closes group play against 39th-ranked Chile and No. 9 Sweden.

"Pressure is starting to build, and I think for us it's just getting more real and that's why we're excited to go over to London because we're going to be away from all the distractions and it's just going to be us and the tournament ahead," star forward Alex Morgan said.

During training next week in London, more focus is likely to be a few pitches away on a Spurs side preparing for its first Champions League final, against Liverpool on June 1. Team bonding will be as important as training.

"So much of it is a mindset and an approach," U.S. coach Jill Ellis said. "There's a lot of good teams and we're all aware of that, but want to be the team to

beat."

Mexico failed to qualify after consecutive group stage eliminations, is ranked 26th and fielded a relatively inexperienced team mixed with a few veterans. But while the Americans had a 25-3 advantage in shots — including 11-0 on target — they struggled to score against an inferior rival.

Tobin Heath was gifted her 30th international goal in the 11th minute when she ran onto a pass from goalkeeper Cecilia Santiago to unware defender Rebeca Bernal.

After the U.S. misfired in front of the net on a hot afternoon that displayed failings more than facets, the Americans pulled away on the strength of second-half substitutes. Mallory Pugh knocked in a short cross from New Jersey native Carli Lloyd in the 76th minute for her 16th goal. Twelve minutes later, Christine Press took a pass from Julie Ertz, spun and faked a defender to score from the top of the penalty area for her 48th.

"We can definitely be sharper in the final pass and inside 18," Ellis said. "This group creates a lot and they're very potent, and I think in time we wear teams down."

A crowd of 26,332 filled the third straight send-off match at Red Bull Arena, about the same as the 26,467 for a 0-0 draw against South Korea four years ago and markedly higher than the 5,582 for a 1-0 victory over Mexico in 2011. Young girls shrieked as players came off the team bus to enter the stadium. Players repeatedly speak of their responsibility as role models and need to grow the sport and push for equality — a reason they have sued the U.S. Soccer Federation for gender discrimination. They drew 22,788 for a 3-0 victory over South Africa at Santa Clara, Calif., on May 12 and 35,761 four days later for a 5-0 romp over New Zealand in St. Louis, then spent much of the past week engaged in media interviews and promotion in New York. Morgan was featured on Time magazine's cover.

"There's so many things bigger than soccer that we want to draw attention to. So it's really part of the job that we have," she said.

Rapinoe, the team's most outspoken player, laughed as she said: "I'm happy to be leaving the country."

Ellis made one change from the starting lineup she used in the previous two exhibitions, starting Samantha Mewis in central midfield in place of Lindsey Horan.

SPORTS BRIEFS: FREEDOM OPEN

Third horse in 9 days dies at Santa Anita

LOS ANGELES — A third horse has died in nine days at Santa Anita when Kochees could not be saved by surgery on Sunday morning after sustaining an injury Saturday during a race.

He was vanned off the course and a splint was applied. He stayed overnight in his stall in the hope of improving his condition. Since the injury to his left front leg was not a compound fracture, surgery was an option. It would have ended his career but saved his life. However, when surgeons discovered the horse had lost blood flow to the leg the decision was made to euthanize.

Kochees, a 9-year-old gelding, was running in his 49th race.

It was the 26th death at Santa Anita since Dec. 26. It was the third horse death for trainer Jerry Hollendorfer.

Finland tops Canada at world championships

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia — Marko Anttila helped lead Finland to its third world hockey title, scoring the tying and go-ahead goals in a 3-1 victory over Canada on Sunday.

Anttila tied at 1 on a power play early in the second period and the Finnish captain made it 2-1 early in the third. Heri Ponninen added an insurance goal with five minutes to play.

Na wins at Colonial by four strokes

FORT WORTH, Texas — Kevin Na birdied four of the first eight holes and shot a 4-under 66 for a four-shot victory over Tony Finau in the Charles Schwab Challenge at Colonial on Monday.

Na opened with a two-shot lead and was in front by at least that many for the final 16 holes after putting his second shot inside 5 feet for birdie at the par-4 second. He finished at 13 on the 267.

In other golf news:

■ Ken Tanigawa overcame a three-shot deficit on the back nine to pass defending champion Paul Broadhurst and saved par on the final hole for a one-shot victory in the Senior PGA Championship for his first senior major.

■ Breana Law shot a 3-under 67 and held off a series of challenges Sunday to win the Pure Silk Championship by two shots for her first LPGA Tour victory.

Cavaliers owner suffers 'stroke-like' symptoms

Cavaliers owner Dan Gilbert, 57, was hospitalized Sunday morning after suffering "stroke-like" symptoms.

A statement from a Quicken Loans spokesperson forwarded to the Beacon Journal/Ohio.com said, "Early this morning, Dan Gilbert sought care at a (Detroit area) hospital after experiencing stroke-like symptoms. He received immediate medical attention and is currently recovering comfortably. Our collective thoughts and prayers are with Dan for a speedy recovery."

"The Gilbert family respectfully requests privacy at this time."

From wire reports

Scoreboard

Monday
Roland Garros
Singles
First Round

Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Hubert Hurkacz, Poland, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.
Henri Laaksonen, Switzerland, def. Pedro Martinez, Spain, 6-1, 6-0, 7-6 (4).
Salvatore Caruso, Italy, def. Jaume Antoni Munar Gil, Spain, 7-5, 4-6, 6-3.
Gilles Simon (25), France, def. Sergiy Stakhovych, Ukraine, 6-3, 6-3, 6-4.
Lloyd Harris, South Africa, def. Lukas Rosol, Czech Republic, 6-1, 4-6, 2-6, 6-1, 6-2.
Borna Coric (13), Croatia, def. Aljaz Bedene, Slovenia, 6-1, 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-4.
Pablo Carreno Busta, Spain, def. Maxime Janvier, France, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2.
Roberto Carballles Baena, Spain, def. Alexandre Muller, France, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2.
Filip Krajinovic, Serbia, def. Frances Tiafoe (32), United States, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-0.
Stan Wawrinka (24), Switzerland, def. Jozef Kovalik, Slovakia, 6-1, 6-7 (3), 6-2, 6-3.
Christian Garin, Chile, def. Reilly Opelka, United States, 7-6 (0), 7-5, 7-6 (7).
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, France, def. Peter Gojowczyk, Germany, 7-6 (4), 6-1, 4-6, 6-3.
Alex de Minaur (21), Australia, def. Bradley Klahn, United States, 6-1, 6-4, 6-4.
Pablo Carreno Busta, Spain, def. Joao Sousa, Portugal, 6-3, 6-1, 6-0.
Benoit Paire, France, def. Marius Copil, Romania, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 6-0, 6-1.
Pierre-Hugues Herbert, France, def. Daniil Medvedev (12), Russia, 4-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 7-5.
Juan Ignacio Londero, Argentina, def. Nikoloz Basilashvili (15), Georgia, 6-4, 6-1, 6-3.

Richard Gasquet, France, def. Mischa Zverev, Germany, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3.
Vatutin, Russia, 6-4, 7-6 (6), 6-4.
Guido Pella (18), Argentina, def. Guido Andreozzi, Argentina, 7-6 (2), 6-4, 1-6, 6-1.
Mirjam Kucenic, Serbia, def. Denis Kudla, United States, 6-0, 6-7 (7), 5-7, 6-3, 6-4.
Yannick Maden, Germany, def. Kimmer Coppejans, Belgium, 7-6 (0), 7-5, 6-3.
Rafael Nadal (2), Spain, def. Yannick Hanfmann, Germany, 6-2, 6-1, 6-3.

Women
Serena Williams (10), United States, def. Vitalia Diatchenko, Russia, 2-6, 6-1, 6-2.
Danielle Ross Collins, United States, def. Tatjana Maria, Germany, 6-0, 6-2.
Ashleigh Barty (8), Australia, def. Jessica Pegula, United States, 6-3, 6-3.
Stefinora Alexandrova, Russia, def. Mihaela Buzarnescu (30), Romania, 6-4, 6-4.
Samantha Stosur, Australia, def. Barbora Strýčková, Czech Republic, 6-2, 7-6 (3).
Alicia Balsona Zaldivar, Spain, def. Vera Zvonareva, Russia, 6-4, 6-2.

Sorana Cristea, Romania, def. Kaja Juvan, Slovenia, 5-7, 6-4, 7-5.
Jennifer Brady, United States, def. Ivana Jorovic, Serbia, 7-6 (5), 4-6, 7-5.
Polona Herczeg, Slovenia, def. Aleksandra Krunicki, France, 6-4, 6-2, 6-6.
Rebecca Peterson, Sweden, def. Yulia Putintseva, Kazakhstan, 6-3, 7-5.
Donna Vekic (23), Croatia, def. Ludmila Samsonova, Russia, 6-2, 6-4.
Johanna Konta (26), Britain, def. Antonia Lottner, Germany, 6-4, 6-4.
Samantha Stosur, Australia, def. Barbora Strýčková, Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-4.
Alicia Balsona Zaldivar, Spain, def. Alicia Cornet, France, 6-4, 6-3.

Lauren Davis, United States, def. Pauline Parmentier, France, 3-6, 6-4.
Shelby Rogers, United States, def. Astra Stepanovic, Serbia, 6-4, 6-2.
Carla Suarez-Navarro (28), Spain, def. Dayana Yastremska, Ukraine, 2-6, 7-6 (0), 6-0.
Elise Mertens (20), Belgium, def. Tamara Zidansek, Slovenia, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.
Johanna Konta (26), Britain, def. Vera Lapko, Belarus, 6-2, 6-4.
Mandy Mirella, Luxembourg, def. Anastasia Pavluchenko, Ukraine, 6-4, 6-4.
Anastasiya Sevastova (12), Latvia, def. Luciska Kurnusova, Thailand, 6-4, 6-4.
Veronika Kudermetova, Russia, def. Caroline Wozniacki (3), Denmark, 9-6, 6-3, 6-3.
Albina Dilys, Kazakhstan, def. Audrey Albie, France, 6-2, 6-2.

Shuai Zhang, China, def. Varvara Lepchenko, United States, 6-4, 6-1.
Kaia Kanepi, Estonia, def. Julia Goepges (38), Germany, 7-5, 6-1.



PAVEL GOLOVKIN/AP

Serena Williams returns a shot against Vitalia Diatchenko during their French Open match on Monday in Paris. Williams won 2-6, 6-1, 6-0.

Serena regroups for win

Associated Press

PARIS — Serena Williams overcame a slow start for a 2-6, 6-1, 6-0 win over 83rd-ranked Vitalia Diatchenko of Russia in her French Open opener.

Williams had completed only three matches since her Australian Open ended four months ago and she cited a bothersome left knee when pulling out of her past two tournaments.

During an error-filled first set, Williams was constantly shaking her head and yelling at herself.

But the 23-time Grand Slam champion quickly changed the momentum by winning the opening three games of the second set.

After committing 14 unforced errors in the first set, Williams had a total of 10 in the second and third sets.

Afterward, Williams seemed more relieved than pleased at avoiding what would have been only the second loss of her career in the first round of a Grand Slam tournament — after her defeat to

Virginie Razzano at Roland Garros in 2012.

Caroline Wozniacki went from playing a perfect set to quickly fading away against an opponent who had never previously won a Grand Slam match.

In a performance emblematic of a difficult season, Wozniacki, a former No. 1 and last year's Australian Open champion, lost Monday in the first round at Roland Garros 0-6, 3-6, 6-3 to 68th-ranked Veronika Kudermetova of Russia.

"Definitely wasn't the best match I've ever played," said the 13th-seeded Wozniacki, who had only 15 winners to Kudermetova's 40.

The way-up-then-way-down showing by Wozniacki stretched her losing streak for four matches and dropped her 2019 record to 9-8.

Another past Grand Slam champion dropped out of the field Monday when two-time Wimbledon winner Petra Kvitová withdrew because of an injured left forearm.

The left-hander said the arm had been bothering her for some time and during practice Sunday, "suddenly I felt the pain."

"I went to have an MRI, and, yeah, unfortunately I have a tear in my forearm, which is not great," said Kvitová, who hopes to be ready for the start of Wimbledon on July 1.

In other action, Rafael Nadal began his bid for a record 12th championship in Paris and Novak Djokovic got started on his quest for a fourth consecutive major trophy with easy wins.

Nadal was a bit shaky in the very first game against 184th-ranked German qualifier Yannick Hanfmann, facing four break points, but he saved them all — and didn't face another in the first round of a Grand Slam tournament — after her defeat to

victory.

Nadal's feared forehead was not at its dangerous best, accounting for more unforced errors (11) than winners (nine).

"I had my match plan and, yeah, some of the things, they didn't work out well," said Hanfmann, who played college tennis at Southern California. "But, I mean, that's why he's as good as he is."

Djokovic also needed under two hours to reach the second round, running his Grand Slam winning streak to 22 matches by getting past 44th-ranked Hubert Hurkacz of Poland 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.

But No. 32 seed Frances Tiafoe of the U.S., a quarterfinalist at the Australian Open in January, threw up a couple of times and his game came apart late in a 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-0 loss to Filip Krajinovic of Serbia.

"Obviously very depleted and had nothing really in me," said Tiafoe, now 0-4 at Roland Garros.

Other seeded players on the way home included No. 12 Daniil Medvedev, who was eliminated 4-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 7-5 by Pierre-Hugues Herbert and No. 15 Nikoloz Basilashvili on the men's side, along with No. 18 Julia Goerges on the women's.

Wozniacki's preparation for Paris had been hampered by an injured left calf, which was heavily wrapped Monday, but she said that was not an issue against her 22-year-old opponent. The Danish player also said she was not bothered by her rheumatoid arthritis, an autoimmune condition that can cause pain and swelling in the wrist and other joints.

She made only three unforced errors in that opening set, but 18 over the last two.



PAVEL GOLOVKIN/AP

Novak Djokovic celebrates winning his match against Hubert Hurkacz in the French Open 6-4, 6-2, 6-2, in Paris on Monday.

AUTO RACING

Truex overcomes issues

Driver wins Coca-Cola 600 after damaging tire on Turn 4

By PETE IACOBELLI

Associated Press

CONCORD, N.C. — Martin Truex Jr. gave team owner Joe Gibbs another reason to celebrate at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

Truex overcame an early flat tire after hitting the wall, then broke to the front on a wild final restart and won the Coca-Cola 600 for the second time in four seasons Sunday night.

It was the perfect cap to a landmark week for Gibbs and his race team. The three-time Super Bowl champion coach was voted into the NASCAR Hall of Fame on Wednesday, along with two of his race team's championship drivers in Bobby Labonte and Tony Stewart. But according to Gibbs, it was Truex, in his first season with JGR, who delivered the program's biggest moment.

"What was Wednesday?" Gibbs responded when asked if the race victory was bigger than the Hall of Fame.

Gibbs broke into laughter when reminded about his honor. "Obviously, I'm excited about tonight," he said with a smile.

And Truex provided much of the excitement.

He slid into the Turn 4 wall during the first stage of NASCAR's longest event, damaging his tire and seemingly putting his chances in serious jeopardy. But crew chief Cole Parnold radioed his driver that things were not that bad and to stay calm and remain focused.

"I thought, 'We're done. How we going to fix this thing?'" Truex said. "I didn't know how bad it was, [but] the guys worked hard, fixed it up."

That steadied Truex the rest of the way, especially near the end when he drove low during a four-wide fight for the lead on the final restart at Charlotte Motor Speedway. He had an easier time in the 2016 race when he led 392 of 400 laps.

Truex sprang out low and shot into the front past Kyle Busch, Ryan Newman and David Ragan, who stretched four across the track. "You just never know what can happen," said Truex, who led 116 laps this time.

Truex held off defending series champion and Team Penske driver Joey Logano — and again prevent owner Roger Penske from becoming the first to helm winners at the Indianapolis 500 and Coca-Cola 600 on motorsports biggest day.

Things began with Lewis Hamilton's rousing win in the Monaco Grand Prix, which he dedicated to his late friend and champion driver Niki Lauda. Next, Simon Pagnaud gave Penske his 18th Indy 500 victory in a thrilling duel over the final laps with Alexander Rossi.

"For us, it's the wildest race we've ever won," Parnold said.

Truex was happy to provide his



CHUCK BURTON/AP

Martin Truex Jr. poses in Victory Lane after winning the Coca-Cola 600 on Sunday at Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C.

‘I thought ‘We’re done. How we going to fix this thing?’

Martin Truex

NASCAR driver, after he damaged his tire early in the Coca-Cola 600

boss another win. "To think a guy can be in the Pro Football Hall of Fame and the NASCAR Hall of Fame just tells you how special [Gibbs] is and I'm super honored to drive for him," Truex said.

Parnold said the car was seriously damaged by the early run into the wall and it took several trips to the pits to fix the issues. Still, in victory lane, Parnold couldn't believe his team came out on top. "It was crazy to see the car be that good and be that banged up," he said.

Penske driver Brad Keselowski won the first two stages and appeared to have the strongest car. But he slipped to the middle of the pack during the third 100-lap segment and never challenged for the victory. He finished 19th.

Busch was third, Chase Elliott fourth and Ricky Stenhouse Jr. fifth.

Logano said Truex had the faster car in the race. If Logano had gotten to Truex's outside, he may have a chance to move in front, he said. Truex "knew the same thing," Logano said. "He did a good job defending his position."

Take caution

There were 16 cautions in the Coca-Cola 600, the most at this event in 14 years. The slowdowns included breaks between stages, but slowed things enough that the event took more than five hours to complete.

All-star issue

All-Star race winner Kyle Larson had hoped to build off his \$1 million-winning run at Charlotte a week ago in the 600. Instead, he lost grip in the final stage, his Clint Bowyer to start a wreck that collected seven drivers. Larson said the fault was his. "Up and down day for us," Larson said. "I finally put myself in a good spot for about a lap and I screwed that up."

Larson has not won a NASCAR points race since Richmond in September 1971, a span of 59 races.

Gibbs' tire problems

It wasn't a completely perfect week for Joe Gibbs Racing. While Gibbs made the NASCAR Hall of Fame (along with two of his championship drivers in Bobby Labonte and Tony Stewart), their Toyotas had some on-track problems. Erik Jones was out of the race after just 22 laps when his car slid hard into the wall and damaged his right front tire. Truex hit the wall on lap 741 when he out front with a two-second lead.

It was Denny Hamlin's turn in the second stage as he hit the wall while near the front. Hamlin spun out again on the final lap to finish 17th.

In the Xfinity race Saturday, Gibbs' racer Christopher Bell won the pole and led 33 of the first 49 laps when he brushed the wall, hit a caught fire and he couldn't continue.

Never forget

NASCAR held a moment of remembrance for military personnel who lost their lives in service as cars were led into the pits and halted. Drivers turned off their engines and fans stood quietly during 30 seconds of silence as part of the Memorial Day solemn ceremonies.



DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

Alexander Rossi leads Conor Daly through the first turn during the Indianapolis 500 on Sunday at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Daly hopes his 10th-place finish will help him earn a spot with a team.

Daly hopes finish brings more races

By MICHAEL MAROT

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Conor Daly needed a solid Indianapolis 500 result to help jump-start his IndyCar career.

A top-10 finish can't hurt — and it might even lead to some more work this season.

The 27-year-old American stayed near the lead pack through most of Sunday's race before a surprise rilling and a miscue on a late restart shuffled him to a 10th-place finish in his only scheduled race this season.

Now comes the hard part: Seeing if a career-best Indy finish pays off.

"I never really know what is good enough," he said. "You know we've been on podiums, we've run around passing the most cars in a year and led laps. Winning helps, obviously, and we haven't done that. I don't want's enough but I'm not going to go away. I really want to run here full-time."

Daly certainly turned some heads with what was easily his best finish in six Indy starts. His previous best came last year when Daly finished all but one lap and wound up 21st.

But with one of the series' top teams and perhaps the best car he's ever had on Indy's 2.5-mile oval, it didn't take Daly long to understand how different things could be this May.

He was near the top of the speed charts in practice and qualified 11th last weekend. Things didn't change much on race day when he quickly started passing cars and moving up the leaderboard.

With 32 laps to go, he was fourth and Daly was still in contention when five cars were involved in a messy crash on Lap 178. Two laps later, the red flag came out and when the race restarted on Lap 187, officials had reordered Takuma Sato to move in front of Daly, who made his only real mistake on the restart when his gears got stuck as he tried to accelerate.

Otherwise, the son of former

race-car driver Derek Daly and the stepson of Indianapolis Motor Speedway President Doug Boles drove almost flawlessly.

"He did a great job all month," team owner Michael Andretti said. "And really I kind of screwed him up. We told our guys if they can get the front wing (adjustment) in, do it. I should have told them leave the front wing alone and it cost him like three spots. Otherwise he would have been right there with Alex (Rossi)," who finished second to Simon Pagenaud.

Still, it was a promising result for a guy who appeared to be a rising star when he earned his first full-time IndyCar ride in 2016 with Dale Coyne Racing. After producing two top-five finishes and five top-10s that season, he moved to A.J. Foyt Racing where he had one top-five and four more top-10s in 2017.

Then things dried up.

He made four IndyCar starts last year with Harding Steinbrenner Racing and Coyne, and one start in NASCAR's Xfinity Series while losing his primary sponsor because of a racially insensitive remark his father, who is from Ireland, allegedly made decades earlier.

Daly's most recent races came in April at Barber Motorsports Park where he drove to victory lane in the Lamborghini Super Trofeo sports car series. He didn't finish a second race at Barber, and with no more races on this year's docket, hopes Sunday's result could give lead to another chance in the IndyCar Series.

"You never really know when a shot like this will come with a team like this," the Andretti Autosport driver said. "I just wish we could be here more often."

And at least one team is already trying to help Daly.

"We hope so," Andretti said when asked if Daly might run more races with the team this season. "We're working on a few things."

INDIANAPOLIS 500

Scoreboard

Indianapolis 500

Sunday

Indianapolis Motor Speedway
Indianapolis

(Post position in parentheses)

1. (1) Simon Pagenaud, France, 200, Running
2. (9) Alexander Rossi, United States, 200, Running
3. (14) Takuma Sato, Japan, 200, Running
4. (8) Josef Newgarden, United States, 200, Running
5. (6) Will Power, Australia, 200, Running
6. (2) Ed Carpenter, United States, 200, Running
7. (23) Santino Ferrucci, United States, 200, Running
8. (27) Ryan Hunter-Reay, United States, 200, Running
9. (16) Tony Kanaan, Brazil, 200, Running
10. (11) Conor Daly, United States, 200, Running
11. (32) James Hinchcliffe, Canada, 200, Running
12. (15) James Davison, Australia, 200, Running
13. (4) Ed Jones, Britain, 200, Running
14. (3) Spencer Pigot, United States, 200, Running
15. (24) Matheus Leist, Brazil, 200, Running
16. (30) Pippa Mann, Britain, 200, Running
17. (18) Scott Dixon, New Zealand, 200, Running
18. (12) Helio Castroneves, Brazil, 199, Running
19. (31) Sage Karam, United States, 199, Running
20. (21) JR Hildebrand, United States, 199, Running
21. (25) Jack Harvey, Britain, 199, Running
22. (19) Oriol Servia, Spain, 199, Running
23. (13) Marcus Ericsson, Sweden, 198, Running
24. (26) Jordan King, Britain, 198, Running
25. (20) Charlie Kimball, United States, 196, Running
26. (10) Marco Andretti, United States, 195, Running
27. (17) Graham Rahal, United States, 176, Contact
28. (29) Felix Rosenqvist, Sweden, 176, Contact
29. (28) Zach Veach, United States, 176, Contact
30. (7) Sebastien Bourdais, France, 176, Contact
31. (33) Kyle Kaiser, United States, 71, Contact
32. (27) Ben Hanley, Britain, 54, Mechanical
33. (5) Colton Herta, United States, 3, Mechanical

Winner's Race Statistics
average speed: 175.794 mph

Time of Race: 2:50:39.2797.

Margin of victory: 0.2086 seconds.

Cautions: 4 for 29 laps.

Lead changes: 30 among 10 drivers.

Lap Leaders: Pagenaud 1-32; Power 32-35; Carpenter 35; Sato 36-38; Rosenqvist 38-42; Pagenaud 42-64; Carpenter 64-67; Power 67; Rossi 68-76; Dixon 76-73; Pagenaud 73-99; Carpenter 99-101; Rossi 102-106; Dixon 106-11; Rosenqvist 111-113; Pagenaud 113-129; Rossi 129-138; Dixon 138-143; Pagenaud 143-151; Newgarden 151-171; Carpenter 171; Ferrucci 172; Pagenaud 173-176; Sato 176; Pigot 177-181; Rossi 181-187; Pagenaud 187-198; Rossi 198; Pagenaud 199.



Simon Pagenaud kisses the Yard of Bricks after winning the Indy 500 on Sunday in Indianapolis.

ROB BAKER/AP

Pagenaud holds on for Indy win

Penske driver arrived with job on the line, leaves as champion

BY JENNA FRYER
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Simon Pagenaud arrived at Indianapolis Motor Speedway this month with his job on the line and rumors swirling around Gasoline Alley that Alexander Rossi could soon replace him at Team Penske.

The Frenchman is leaving with a pair of wins, his face soon to be engraved on the Borg-Warner trophy as the Indianapolis 500 champion and an assurance from Roger Penske himself that he isn't going anywhere. "Do I even have to answer that?" Penske asked. "Absolutely."

In a head-to-head duel for the ages, Pagenaud defeated none other than Rossi with a dramatic pass on the penultimate lap, then holding on the rest of the way to hand Penske his 18th win in "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing." Even sweeter, it came the 50th anniversary of Penske's arrival at the Brickyard. Pagenaud and Rossi swapped the lead five times over the final 13 laps, and the margin of victory was a mere 0.2086 seconds — the seventh-closest finish in the 103 years of the race.

"It's a dream come true. A lifetime trying to achieve this," said Pagenaud, who dismissed the thought over job uncertainty as he celebrated his first Indy 500 win. "The milk motivated me. I was just focused on the job, man."

Pagenaud was dominant all day, leading 116 of the 200 laps, and the win was cathartic. He stopped his car at the start-finish line and stepped out to shake the moment with his fans. And once he finally made his way to victory lane, Pagenaud climbed from his car and let



R BRENT SMITH/AP

Simon Pagenaud, right, leads Alexander Rossi and Takuma Sato into the first turn in the closing laps of the Indianapolis 500 on Sunday. Pagenaud won his first Indy 500, making an audacious pass of Rossi before taking the white flag and holding of the hard-charging driver from Andretti Autosport.

out a primal scream, then dumped the entire bottle of milk over his head.

"I never expected to be in this position," Pagenaud said, "and I certainly am grateful."

President Donald Trump phoned Penske in victory lane from Japan, where he was meeting with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe over trade. Penske passed the phone to Pagenaud, and Trump later tweeted an invite to the White House for the winning team.

Penske now has two consecutive Indy 500 victories — Will Power won last year — for the first time since 2002-03. It was his third win in the crown jewel race in the past five years and fifth in the past 14.

It was a banner day, too, with Josef Newgarden finishing fourth and Power in fifth.

Rossi lost his cool several times in the race, but the Californian had better fuel mileage than Pagenaud and the Penske cars. The 2016 race winner twice charged to the front in the closing laps.

"Horsepower. That's unfortunately the way

it is," said Rossi, who was in a Honda for Andretti Autosport. "I think we had the superior car. We just didn't have enough there at the end."

Pagenaud was in a Chevrolet, and the bow-tie brand was the dominant engine all May. It swept the top four spots in qualifying, won the race and took four of the top six spots.

Pagenaud is the first Frenchman to win the Indy 500 since Rene Thomas in 1914. Indianapolis records count five French winners, but Gil de Ferran in 2003 and Gaston Chevrolet in 1920, while born in France, list other nationalities. Pagenaud was the 21st winner from the pole and first since Helio Castroneves a decade ago.

As he began the traditional victory lap in the back of a convertible, Rossi was one of many drivers to walk onto the track to congratulate him. The American leaned in for a genuine embrace.

"Nothing else matters but winning," Rossi said. "This one will be hard to get over."



ROB BAKER/AP

Simon Pagenaud crosses the start/finish line on the start of the Indianapolis 500 on Sunday.

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to give Penske golden Indy 500 victory » **Page 31**



Simon Pagnaud celebrates winning the
Indy 500 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway
on Sunday in Indianapolis.

AP photos

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